

Curry County

Master Gardener™ Association

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FROM YOUR CO-PRESIDENTS – Kelly and Debbie

SMALL GARDENS—BIG IMPACTS

How often do we hear “Oh! I wish I had room for a garden, but I only live a small house/apartment/condo with a small patio”? Well, I am here to tell you that you can grow many things in small places. The big trend we are seeing is vertical gardening. Another biggie on the internet is utilizing food grade five-gallon buckets.

You can grow beans to zucchini in buckets. Tomatoes are a natural for a five-gallon bucket, and with a little ingenuity, there are so many more vegetables, flowers and yes, fruits that can be enjoyed from containers. Container gardening provides for a flexible planting site, freedom from poor soil, and the ability to move plants around with the seasons. You can also use containers for plants that spread aggressively from roots (mint, chives, berries, etc.), which are better planted in containers. Maybe you want to add a little color to a sunny spot—what better way than to add flowers in a container.

To get the most out of a limited space, plant high-yielding vegetables that you like to eat—such as zucchini, tomatoes, eggplant, green beans and cucumbers, which are good choices and easy to grow. Use staking or trellising as required, in order to save space. As a general rule of thumb, select approximately one plant for each 6” of the diameter of the top of a round container. For example, if your container measures 18” across the widest part of the top, then use only three plants in that container.

Following are container soil depth recommendations for popular vegetables:

- 6-12” for **shallow** rooted vegetables: chives, lettuces, green onions, radishes and spinach
- 12-18” for **moderate** depth vegetables: eggplant, peppers, beets, broccoli, carrots (short varieties), cauliflower, celery, chard, kale and peas.
- 18-24” for **deep** rooted vegetables: tomatoes, potatoes, zucchini, winter squashes, beans, corn and cucumbers.

See you in the garden! ~ Debbie and Kelly



August 2023 Brambles
Curry County Master Gardeners Association
Membership Meeting Minutes, Tuesday, July 18, 2023, 10am

Attendees (in person): Kelly Jacobsen, Debbie Richter, Lori Phelan, Laurie Lee Bartlett, Ginny Knox, Jeff Richter, Julia Bott, John Albi, David Denny, Jerry Herbage, Cindy Meyers, Debbie Carroll, Ali Van Otterloo, Marna Williams, Linnie O'Flanagan-Gorre

1. Board meeting called to order
 - Minutes approved for June 2023 meeting.
2. Business Items
 - Co-Presidents' Reports - Kelly Jacobsen, Debbie Richter
 - Reminder: Per bylaws, members are required to wear badges at all public events, and encouraged to wear them to meetings.
 - August meeting—may be no meeting, in-person meeting or Zoom meeting. Members will be notified. See below for Summer Potluck information.
 - Event sheet corrections: Fair is opening noon this year. Therefore, timeslots for volunteers will be 12:00pm-2:30pm and 2:30pm-5:00pm. (Julia will change on teamwork. Marna will contact volunteers.)
 - At the September meeting:
 - Select Budget Committee
 - Select Nominating Committee
 - Discuss scholarship for high school student
 - Brambles Newsletter
 - Letter to Cathe was postponed; someone needs to call her first.
 - Proof readers and writers needed.
 - Treasurer's Report – Julia Bott
 - Financial statements were presented. Nothing of significance to discuss.
 - OMGA
 - New requirements re: conflict of interest and whistle-blower policy.
 - Bylaws may need updating to comply with new requirements.
 - Emails with a call for action from OMGA or OSU, before doing anything, check with:
 - Jeff Richter for OMGA emails
 - Laurie Lee Bartlett for OSU emails
3. Unfinished Business/follow-Up of Previous Assignments
 - Plant Clinic volunteers are still needed.
 - Google workspace is more complicated than previously thought. Jeff Richter will work on prototype for files.
 - Facebook page is now the CCMGA's – not OSU, so there are fewer requirements. It is a public facing page. Need another administrator for this page. Contact Kelly if interested.
4. Committee Reports & Community Project Updates
 - Future Demonstration Greenhouse
 - Meetings are 1st & 3rd Thursdays.
 - Broader membership is invited to be involved.
 - Cindy is composing an email to address common questions.
 - Lease agreement is not yet secured. An attorney is needed.
 - Fundraising
 - Rotary has donated a total of \$1000.
 - Julia Bott and Cindy Meyer are liaisons to assure things are done correctly, but they are not "in charge".
 - Assurances we have funds for the Demo Greenhouse are needed before going out to community.
 - Lease needs to be in place.
 - Need to plan NOW for when lease agreement is complete.
 - Marna Williams will head committee for planning fundraising event – possibly this Fall, if lease agreement is in place.
 - Plant Sale/Greenhouse – Debbie Carroll, Ali Van Otterloo
 - Propagation is starting the week of July 24th.
 - Gardens needed for cuttings.
 - Plans are to increase the number of tray to 20-25.
 - More volunteers are needed to help, especially in September. Tuesdays Noon-2pm.
 - Intake sheet can be emailed.
 - Public School Education Gardens
 - Riley Creek Garden (Gold Beach)
 - Coos Fire Protection will redo five raised beds this year.
 - More woodchips coming soon.
 - Open to the public Tuesdays 12-2pm and Fridays 9am-noon.
 - Little Bear Patch Garden (Kalmiopsis Elementary, Brookings)
 - Thursdays 10am-Noon garden maintenance (No need for a background check.)
 - Bridge Garden
 - Lunches are being served Mondays thru Fridays with food from the garden.
 - Summer Picnic
 - **Date Change: Sunday August 6th, 1-4:00pm.**
 - Location: Linnie O'Flanagan-Gorre's house in Brookings.
 - Michell Arnold and Lori Phelan will be coordinating.
 - Party in the Park was a great success, with about 200 children partaking.
 - Soil pH testing. John Albe held our first training.
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Submitted by: *Linnie O'Flanagan-Gorre, Secretary*
Revised by: *Debbie Richter, Co-President*

AUGUST GARDEN TIPS



Planning

- The optimal time for establishing a new lawn is August through mid-September.
- Dampwood termites begin flying late this month. Make sure your home is free of wet wood or places where wood and soil are in contact.

Maintenance and cleanup

- Make compost out of lawn clippings and garden plants that are ready to be recycled. Don't use clippings if the lawn has been treated with herbicide, including "weed-and-feed" products. Don't compost diseased plants unless you are using the "hot compost" method (120 degrees to 150 degrees F.).
- Fertilize cucumbers, summer squash and broccoli to maintain production while you continue harvesting.
- Clean and fertilize strawberry beds.
- Use mulch to protect ornamentals and garden plants from hot weather damage. If needed, provide temporary shade, especially for recent plantings.
- Camellias need deep watering to develop flower buds for next spring.
- Prune raspberries, boysenberries and other caneberries after harvest. Check raspberries for holes made by crown borers, near the soil line, at the base of the plant. Remove infested wood before adults emerge (approximately mid-August).
- Monitor garden irrigation closely so crops and ornamentals don't dry out.
- If you want your lawn to stay green, you'll have to water frequently during periods of heat and drought stress. Irrigate 0.25 inches four to six times per week from June through August. Measure your water use by placing an empty tuna can where your irrigation water lands.
- Prune cherry trees before fall rains begin to allow callusing in dry weather. This will minimize the spread of bacterial canker.
- Western Oregon:** Prune out dead fruiting canes in trailing blackberries and train new primocanes prior the to end of the month.

Planting and propagation

- Plant winter cover crops in vacant space in the vegetable garden
- Plant winter kale, Brussels sprouts, turnips, parsnips, parsley and Chinese cabbage.
- Western Oregon:** Mid-summer planting of peas; use enation-virus-resistant varieties. Plant fall crops of cabbage, cauliflower and broccoli.
- Oregon Coast:** Plant spinach.

Pest monitoring and management

Use chemical controls only when necessary and only after thoroughly reading the pesticide label. First consider cultural, then physical and biological controls. Choose the least-toxic options, and use them judiciously. Some examples include insecticidal soaps, horticultural oils, botanical insecticides, and organic and synthetic pesticides.

- Remove cankered limbs from fruit and nut trees for control of diseases such as apple anthracnose and bacterial canker of stone fruit. Sterilize tools before each new cut.
- Check apple maggot traps; spray tree if needed.
- Control yellowjackets and wasps with traps and lures as necessary. Keep in mind they are beneficial insects and help control pest insects in the home garden.
- First week:** If necessary, spray for walnut husk fly. If necessary, second spray for peach tree borer and/or peach twig borer. If necessary, second spray of filbert trees for filbertworm.
- Check for root weevils in ornamental shrubs and flowers; codling moth and spider mite in apple trees; scale insects in camellias, holly and maples. Treat as necessary.
- Watch for corn earworm on early corn. Treat as needed.
- For mite control on ornamentals and most vegetables, hose off foliage, spray with approved miticide if necessary.
- Check leafy vegetables for caterpillars. Pick off caterpillars as they appear. Use Bt-k, if necessary.
- Continue monitoring peaches, plums, prunes, figs, fall-bearing raspberries and strawberries, and other plants that produce soft fruits and berries for Spotted Wing Drosophila. If SWD are present, use an integrated and least toxic approach to manage the pests.
- Willamette Valley:** Corn may need protection from earworm. Spray new silks with appropriate pesticides if necessary.

MEMORIES ~ CURRY COUNTY MASTER GARDENERS

2017 MG TRAINING GRADUATES

Bottom: Sandy Cooms, Kay Clemmons, Heather Hodges, Cathy Appel, Alison Theriault

Middle: Jon Smith, Darla Duran, Rick Perkins Sr., Michael Johnson, Cindy Gilbride

Top Row: John Albi, Timothy Lyons, Mat & Lara Gafke, and MG Program Coordinator, Scott Thiemann

• Not pictured: Barb Rylee & Linda Shultz



2016 Strawberry Festival



2019 MG graduates

Front row:

John Deck, Barbara Deck, Janet Foster, JoAnn Jimerson, Rebekah Wilson, Sherry Baum, Ali Mramor

Back row:

Scott Thiemann, Master Gardener coordinator, Geo Vella, Judy Emerson, Ginny Knox, Ken Dobberpuhl, Suzanne Hossler, Ezekiel Wilson, Tom Kerr



Brambles Swap Meet

Got something you want to donate to a school garden, giveaway, swap, buy or sell? List here any tools or materials still in good condition that might be useful around the garden, orchard, yard or lawn. Send your info and pictures to Jeff Richter at tahoejeff@sbcglobal.net.

PARTY IN THE PARK

On Saturday, July 22, Curry County Master Gardener volunteers and Curry Watershed Partnership joined together to host an activity booth at the Gold Beach Rotary's Party in the Park, an annual carnival for local children. The theme was Pirates and Mermaids, so we designed a "Message in a Bottle" Terrarium making activity. Kids netted a jar with a message from a pool and read the message, a silly joke about the ocean or marine life. They then filled their jar with soil and either seeds or plants. More than 200 kids visited the booth. Jerry Herbage, member of the MG Class of 2023 and current President of the Gold Beach Rotary, and Julia Bott staffed the booth for CCMGA. Numerous members saved their jars and Ali Van Otterloo raised plants for the terrariums.

Annika Bratton, Curry Watersheds Partnership, watches kids net their bottles.



Jerry Herbage and Julia Bott helped kids build their terrariums.



RICHEY MEMORIAL GARDEN ~ FAIRGROUNDS WORK PROJECT

Master Gardeners sprucing up Richey Memorial Garden and Agricultural Building in time for the Fair.



May 2023 Brambles

Curry County Master Gardeners Association

Have you seen the Curry Master Gardeners website?
https: extension.oregonstate.edu/

The Brambles is posted here by the 2nd of the month.
https: extension.oregonstate.edu/newsletter/brambles

The last Monday of the month is the cut-off date for
submitting articles for the Brambles.
Email them to Cathe Barter umpqua.bart@gmail.com

This is your newsletter, if you have something to share
please send it in. We will make every effort to include
it.

Thanks to all of you who generously contribute to this
edition of the Brambles.

CCMGA Officers for 2023

- Co-Presidents Kelly Jacobsen
..... Debbie Richter
 - Vice President..... Cathy Appel
 - Secretary..... Linnie O'Flanagan
 - Treasurer..... Julia Bott
 - OMG State Rep..... Jeff Richter
 - Membership..... Michelle Arnold
 - Newsletter Editor..... Cathe Barter
 - Historian..... Cathe Barter
 - Past President..... Julia Bott
 - OSU Education Asst..... Laurie Lee Bartlett
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- Leave a message at the Extension office (541) 247-6672
to contact officers

The monthly meetings are on the 3rd Tuesday, 10 am to noon in Gold Beach, OR

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