

The Brambles

Curry County Master Gardeners

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Fall – Wrapping up Summer. Planning for the Future

By Julia Bott

Happy Fall! As the daylight hours get shorter but the weather finally gets nice, just to be followed by rain, then sun and more nice weather, we enjoy the last of summer and prepare for the changes winter brings. It's a good time to check out our summer achievements and think about our future.

One of our summer achievements --The Curry County Master Gardener™ Association has a new logo! Thanks to everyone who helped craft it over the past few meetings. Jeff Hall gets a special round of applause.

Logos are interesting things. The University of Georgia Brand style guideline states "A logo is the simplest visual representation of an entity. It identifies the entity like a person's name identifies the person." The truth is a logo is only as good as the people behind it. And those people – you – make our logo great.

This logo doesn't just represent us now. It captures our future. Our future demonstration greenhouse and garden with the ocean as a backdrop is a long-held vision coming to life. It's very exciting! And a lot of dedication, perseverance, and hard work. These efforts will pay off, providing services to the community and recruiting the future Curry County Master Gardener volunteers.

Looking to the future ranks of the Association, our nominating committee, Debbie Richter, Michelle Arnold, and Cindy Gilbride, is focused on recruiting the officers for 2023.

We've done a lot this summer but still have a lot to complete this fall. We need to prepare a budget for 2023 and elect new officers. We all need to complete (and record) our volunteer and continuing education hours for 2022 by October 31. Recruiting for the 2023 class is always happening but now is the time to get interested people to send their names to Laurie Lee. Planning for the future – is there a class that you'd like to give or facilitate by securing the speaker and location?

We also have some Festivals to staff. One is the Fall Festival at the Event Center at the Beach on Friday October 14 and October 15. Seeds are our theme. Curry County Master Gardeners volunteers will have seed related games and crafts for kids and free seeds for families.

The Riley Creek School Garden Harvest festival is Friday October 21 from 1:30-3:30. In addition to many fun and educational activities, we'll be serving our famous, delicious lettuce wraps, with lettuce grown in the garden. This is a chance for all students and families to enjoy the garden.

We can also look forward to the holiday party in December. Planning is underway.

I'm grateful for what we've accomplished so far in 2022 and look forward to our fall festivities.





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Sunflowers are the star Riley Creek School Garden right now.

The sunflowers greeted students as they started school. The second graders have already learned their way around the garden, sampling carrots, raspberries, and the few ripe tomatoes that were available.

While garden education is focused on the second and third graders, now in their second year in the garden, activities are being planned to bring all students into the garden throughout the school year. For example, one class is responsible for the vermiculture and collecting the cafeteria food waste to feed the worms. In another case, a school group is going to be in charge of laying cardboard and chips in the constant effort of weed suppression.

Some exciting news is that the Harvest Festival is planned for Friday October 21 from 1:30-3:30. This is a chance for all students and their families to have fun in the Riley Creek School Garden. The Curry County Master Gardener Association's famous lettuce (grown at Riley Creek) wraps will be offered.

It takes a village. Master Gardener volunteers help with direct educational activities and with gardening maintenance behind-the-scenes. Much of this behind-the-scenes work is done by the Saturday Garden Party, which has been led by Michelle Arnold. Anne Gerdts is now stepping into the lead role and Michelle will continue to have fun in the magic of Riley Creek on Saturdays. Thanks to both Michelle and Anne, as well as all of the those who dig in the dirt to make it easier for the students.

We also offer a big thank-you to a crew with the Coos Forest Protective Association who helped us rebuild 5 beds, fix irrigation, cut brambles, and weed.

If you are interested in the Harvest Festival, contact Julia Bott at jbott@batnet.com or 650.520.5673.

If you are interested in helping on alternating Saturdays, contact Anne Gerdts at anne.gerds@gmail.com.

If you have questions about supporting education in the garden, please contact Annika Bratton at 541-373-3050 or annika.bratton@currywatersheds.org.

Riley Creek's 2nd graders love carrots.



Coos Forest Protective Association crew after giving the garden some TLC



**Curry County Master Gardeners Association
Membership Meeting Agenda
Tuesday, September 20, 2022**

Attendees (In Person): Julia Bott, Laurie Lee Bartlett, Jeffrie Hall, Cindy Myers, Michelle Arnold and Debbie Richter;
Attendees (via Zoom): Debbie Carroll, John Albi, Dave Sanders, Ginny Knox and Linnie O'Flanagan-Gorre
Introductions. No agenda changes.

1. Minutes approved for July 2022 meeting; there was no August 2022 meeting.
2. Business Items:
 - A. President's report – Julie Bott
 - i. Logo – Jeffrey presented the new logo and it was approved.
 - ii. Fall Festival at the Event Center – will be held Fri-Sat, Oct 1-15. CCMGA will have a booth with activities. Volunteers needed 4-7:00 pm on Friday and 12-7:00 pm on Saturday in shifts. Please go into Team Up or contact Julia, or Laurie Lee to volunteer.
 - iii. OMGA Advocacy Task Force – The OMGA Advocacy Task Force will advocate for increased funding for OSU and the MG program. This position takes about five hours a year. Linnie O'Flanagan-Gorre has volunteered to be CCMGA's representative t this task force.
 - iv. Holiday Party – A discussion was held as to possible locations and dates for this annual event. Debbie Richter has volunteered to head up this event. It was decided to hold a more up-scale holiday potluck at the Pistol River Friendship Hall on a Sunday afternoon in December (either December 11 or 18, depending on availability). Debbie has asked a couple more members assist her. More details to come.
 - B. Vice President's report – Ginny Knox. No report.
 - C. Treasurer's report – Tom Kerr is out of town. Balance Sheet for July and Profit & Loss sheet for August were provided. **Proposed budget from all officers, committees and other is due to Julia NLT October 10, 2022.**
 - D. Nominating Committee – Debbie Richter, Michelle Arnold and Cindy Gilbride. Volunteers have stepped forward to serve on the CCMGA Board for 2023 for Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary. We are still looking for a volunteer to serve as our Association's President for next year as Julia steps down. Contact Michelle or Debbie.
 - E. State Rep's report – Ali VanOtterloo and Debbie Carroll. Nothing to report. Debbie reminded the Nominating Committee that a new State Rep would be needed for next year. There are four quarterly meetings via Zoom which generally last about two hours each. It can be a shared position. Contact Michelle or Debbie if interested.
 - F. OSU Report – Laurie Lee Bartlett.
 - i. OSU Office is currently closed on Fridays.
 - ii. The 2023 MG Volunteer class will begin on Saturday, January 20. There will be a Welcome Potluck for new students and veteran Master Gardener volunteers the Saturday before, January 14. The class will be a hybrid with both online and in-class sessions, which will be held every-other week. More details to be provided.
 - iii. There will be a hanging basket class for CCMGA members held on Saturday, March 25. The class is free however there will be a nominal fee for baskets (if you don't bring your own), soil and flowers. More details to be provided.
3. Committee Reports:
 - A. Plant Sale/Greenhouse – Debbie Carroll & Ali VanOtterloo. Should be finished with propagation the end of September. Still moving forward at the Event Center for the Demonstration Greenhouse project.
 - B. Plant Clinic – Julia Bott. Last day for Plant Clinic is October 12, which can be done from home or Extension. We need volunteers. Contact Julia
 - C. Riley Creek School Garden – Julia Bott
 - i. Coos Forest Protective Association personnel assisted in replacing five raised beds. Funding is low so additional beds will be later.
 - ii. Fall Harvest Festival is scheduled for Friday, October 21, 1-4 pm. Usual activities. Volunteers needed.
 - D. Kalmiopsis School Garden – Waiting for next steps from school staff.
 - E. No reports or currently no 2022 program: Seed to Supper, ABC Preschool, Dig Your Library & Curry County Seed Library.



Minutes by Debbie Richter

How Does Your Garden Grow?

By Adele Kurtz

Show us your best! I joined the Curry County Master Gardening Program after appreciating your plant sale. 2021. Online. Cold contact. Who would have guessed?

From the greenhouse labors grew over 50 plants, pressed between native ferns and stubborn bramble roots on a freshly leveled oceanfront landscape. Over the next two years, most exceeded expectations, some towering over 8' in height, up to 12' in spread, attracting hummingbirds, controlling erosion and deterring invaders.

I had been lured from SW Colorado to Brookings by the dreamy "banana belt" label and seduced by the tagline about winter flowers. While investigating an oceanfront fixer-upper, I asked my would-be neighbor, Chaipin, what would grow here.

"Anything," she laughed. "Everything!" My questions about irrigation concerns nearly brought her to her knees. "Oh my God! In this part of Oregon? Never a problem!"

She pointed to the lush rhododendrons, fruit trees and tropicals bordering her driveway and dwarfing her tiny Asian frame. "I never water. No green thumb."

I, on the other hand, was accustomed to Rocky Mountain batting-averages for my gardening efforts. So it didn't take much to sell me. Rich silt stirred my dirty imagination. Best soil I ever handled. I was sold. My new property would take a lot more TLC, I knew, to catch up: 1.5 acres sandwiched between Chaipin's and Tim Lyons' masterpiece gardens.

So, even though it was the view that waded me from my mountain paradise to the Oregon coast. It took a promise of year-long, garden-fresh feasts filled with flowers to convince me to stay. Oh yeah...

Well, it's been two long years now and I see that Curry County is not quite the tropical delight that taglines and promises made it seem. Joining the CCMG Program teaches us a bit about how to deal with that.

I am, however, proud to show you how some my favorite plants, started from 50 tiny pots from the 2021 CCMG Plant Sale, are now thriving in this coastal environment of salty fog and stiff breezes. Many tower well over my head after just two summers. Ground covers like California lilac and Iberis Candytuft are spreading vigorously.

I invite you to share your favorites, too, for this newsletter or online.

Abutilon, Flowering Maple--Over 6' x 6' thriving summer-long orange crepe flowers

Cistus, rock rose--Over 5' spread x 3' high, competing well among brambles

Helichrysum petiolare, licorice plant--Trimmed to 18" high to make a silver white border accent for blue lithodora waves

Leonotis leonurus, lions tail--3-4' unusual accent plant, stands proud next to the ruddy reds of

Anigonozathus kangaroo paws

Persicaria Red Dragon

Hebe "Patty's Purple"--Creating a strong defense hedge to help controlling voracious spreaders like native fuscias, peas, horsetails and ferns

Euphorbia --Handsome defender filling spaces around benches and driftwood sculptures

TUBULAR HUMMINGBIRD delights

Brugmansia sanguinea, angels trumpet--4' x 5' hi year-long flowering

Lochroma--red, prolific bloomer, aggressive growth over 8'

Penstemon hartwegii, purple, 7'

Uruguan firecracker, 3'

How do your gardens grow? (Cont. in November 2022)

Adele Kurtz's and her garden



HOW TO FIND OUT WHAT'S GOING ON

Contact Julia Bott, find us on Facebook: Curry County Master Gardeners-OSU Extension

THE BRAMBLES NEWSLETTER

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www: <http://extension.oregonstate.edu.curry>

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BOARD MEETINGS are monthly 3rd Tuesday from 10 am to noon

OSU Extension (Gold Beach)

2930 Ellensburg Avenue, Gold Beach, meeting room
{No Meetings in August or December}

Visit these sites to volunteer:

GOLD BEACH HIGH SCHOOL GREENHOUSE

29316 Ellensburg (at the rear of school)

Contacts: Deb Carroll 541-813-1820 da_carroll@charter.net

and Ali Van Otterloo 925-788-6684 alivanotterloo@gmail.com

Annual Plant Sale Project spoken here

RILEY CREEK GARDEN

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DIG YOUR LIBRARY ~ Julia Bott

Chetco Community Public Library Annex

402 Alder Street, Brookings

Contact Julia Bott jbott@batnet.com or telephone 650.520.5673

CURRY COUNTY SEED LIBRARY –

If you need seeds, contact Lynette McPherson

at lmc97415@gmail.com. For more information, please contact Julia Bott

at 650.520.5673 or jbott@batnet.com or check out the Curry County

Seed Library on Facebook. *Please plant a row for your local food bank or community kitchen.*

ABC PRESCHOOL

543 Hemlock St, Brookings

Contact Sherry Baum & Ruth Patton

LITTLE BEAR PATCH GARDEN AT KALMIOPSIS SCHOOL

650 Easy Street, Brookings, Contact vacant, 541-469-7417

SHOP AND GIVE BACK TO CCMGA!

CCMGA has completed two "REWARD" program applications! This is your chance to give to our non-profit organization through your daily purchases.

The 1st rewards program is smile.amazon.com. If you have an Amazon account and purchase products from Amazon, connecting your account to Smile.amazon is easy. Go to smile.amazon.com and log in to your account. You will be asked which charity/non-profit you would like to support. You will find MANY Master Gardener Associations, so PLEASE select Master Gardener Association, Gold Beach, Oregon. It is on page three or four of their list of Master Gardener Assn. Then make your purchases...it is that simple. Amazon smile will donate .05% of your qualified purchase to CCMGA by direct deposit.

The 2nd rewards program is with Fred Meyer simply linking your Fred Meyer Rewards card with Curry County Master Gardener Assn., Gold Beach, OR. Set up a new account or sign into your existing account at fredmeyer.com, click on the 'Fred Meyer Community Rewards' link at the bottom of the page, type in 'Curry County Master Gardener Assn.' or the number '85441', choose our organization, and click on 'Enroll.'

Volunteer Corner- Laurie Lee Bartlett

This month our trainees and volunteers had a continuing education opportunity as a local propagation class. Association member Debbie Carroll demonstrated how to propagate some fresh cut perennial starts. Materials including rooting powder were provided by the association. This is the method used for plants sold every Mother's Day weekend in Gold Beach. Articles from the OSU Extension catalog were also available for reference. For more information on propagation, you can use this link <https://catalog.extension.oregonstate.edu/> Thank you Debbie for a rewarding class! More in-person classes will be available in the near future for continuing education. Feel free to email Laurie Lee about any subjects of interest. A reminder that our Master Gardener program volunteer hour submissions are due on October 31st, The reporting system website is mgvrs.extension.oregonstate.edu

Photographs by Laurie Lee Bartlett

Volunteers stop to wave for a picture

Debbie Carroll during a demonstration

New starts on the first stage of growth for next year's Annual Plant Sale

A volunteer prepares starts to be transported home



OCTOBER'S GARDEN TIPS

Planning

- If needed, improve soil drainage needs of lawns before rain begins.
- To become an OSU Master Gardener volunteer, register with [your local Extension office](#). For additional information, visit [OSU Master Gardener](#).
- Maintenance and Clean Up
- Recycle disease-free plant material and kitchen vegetable and fruit scraps into [compost](#).
- Drain or blow out your irrigation system, insulate valve mechanisms, in preparation of winter.
- Use [newspaper or cardboard covered by mulch](#) to discourage winter and spring annual weeds or remove a lawn area for conversion to garden beds. For conversion, work in the paper and mulch as organic matter once the lawn grass has died.
- Clean and paint greenhouses and cold frames for plant storage and winter growth.
- Harvest sunflower heads; use seed for birdseed or roast for personal use.
- [Dig and store potatoes](#); keep in darkness, moderate humidity, temperature about 40°F. Discard unused potatoes if they sprout. Don't use as seed potatoes for next year.
- [Harvest and immediately dry filberts and walnuts](#); dry at 95 degrees to 100 degrees Fahrenheit.
- Ripen green tomatoes indoors. Check often and discard rotting fruit.
- Harvest and store apples; keep at about 40°F, moderate humidity.
- Place [mulch](#) over roots of roses, azaleas, rhododendrons and berries for winter protection.
- Trim or stake bushy herbaceous perennials to prevent wind damage.
- To suppress future pest problems, clean up annual flower beds by removing diseased plant materials, overwintering areas for insect pests; mulch with manure or garden compost to feed the soil and suppress weeds.
- Cover asparagus and rhubarb beds with a mulch of manure or compost.
- [Clean, sharpen and oil tools and equipment](#) before storing for winter.
- Store garden supplies and fertilizers in a safe, dry place out of reach of children.
- Prune out dead fruiting canes in [raspberries](#).
- Western Oregon: [Harvest squash and pumpkins](#); keep in dry area at 55 degrees to 60 degrees Fahrenheit.
- Western Oregon: Spade organic material and lime into garden soil, as indicated by soil test results

Planting/Propagation

- Dig and divide rhubarb. (Should be done about every 4 years.)
- [Plant garlic](#) for harvesting next summer.
- Propagate chrysanthemums, fuchsias, and geraniums by stem cuttings.
- [Save seeds from the vegetable and flower garden](#). Dry, date, label, and store in a cool and dry location.
- Plant ground covers, [trees and shrubs](#).
- Dig and store geraniums, tuberous begonias, dahlias, and gladiolas.
- Pot and store tulips and daffodils to force into early bloom, indoors, in December and January.

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 (insecticidal soaps, horticultural oils, botanical insecticides, and organic and synthetic pesticides — when used judiciously).
- Remove and dispose of windfall apples that might be harboring apple maggot or codling moth larvae.
- Rake and destroy diseased leaves (apple, cherry, rose, etc.), or hot compost diseased leaves.
- Spray apple and stone fruit trees at leaf fall to prevent various fungal and bacterial diseases. For more information, see [Managing Diseases and Insects in Home Orchards](#) (PDF - EC 631).
- If [moles and gophers](#) are a problem, consider traps.
- **Western Oregon:** Control fall-germinating lawn weeds while they are small. Hand weeding and weeding tools are particularly effective at this stage.
- Monitor landscape plants for problems. Don't treat unless a problem is identified.

Houseplants and Indoor Gardening

- **Early October:** Reduce water, place in cool area (50-55 degrees Fahrenheit) and increase time in shade or darkness (12-14 hours) to force Christmas cactus to bloom in late December.

Have you seen the Curry County Master Gardeners website?

The Brambles is usually posted here by the second 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 contributed to this edition of the Brambles. All submissions are gladly considered.

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