



Welcome to our first quarterly newsletter for 2021

While our in-person chapter activities are on hold we will continue with a quarterly newsletter, with chapter emails as needed. You can also check the webpage for updates as they are posted.

Greetings Clackamas County Master Gardeners

This has certainly been a challenging year. We were able to get a lot of gardening things done this year but unfortunately without the enjoyable interaction with each other and the community. There were some Zoom Meeting presentations made and contributions made to the food bank. We appreciate all those who have contributed their gardening and training skills in creative new ways.

It is difficult to tell for sure, but it seems like most of next year will follow the same format as this year. Hopefully we will be able to meet and interact with the community sooner rather than later in the year. When this situation changes, we will let you know what the plan is to reengage the chapter and start up the activities again.

I appreciate your patience and look forward to working with you again soon. *John Wilbur*

Announcing the 2021 Executive Board:

President: John Wilbur

Vice President: Ellen Hanley

Secretary: Laura Oldenkamp

Treasurer: Kathy Krentz

Assistant Treasurer: Rhonda Frick-Wright

OMGA Representative: Seamus Ramirez

OMGA Alternative Representative: Amelia Wilbur

Advisory Board (2021): Rob Kappa

Advisory Board (2022): Cindy Manselle

Advisory Board (2023): Open

The open Advisory Board position is not filled because we do not know when we will restart or what the restart will look like. It will be filled as needed and presented to the chapter for confirmation.

Changes for 2021 as of this printing

- **Spring Garden Fair is cancelled.** If this should change and we are able to have the fair in some sort of capacity, we will let you know via email, the webpage and social media.
- **Membership and dues will be waived for 2021.** The chapter still welcomes your donations. If you wish to make a donation please [click here to donate via PayPal](#).
- **Directory and Handbook will NOT be printed this year.** In late January we will email you any pertinent changes to add to your 2020 directory. If you have any questions about the 2020 directory please contact Frank Wille.

2021 Chapter Webinar Series January, February and March

In keeping with current social distancing practices, our program committee has been hard at work lining up a slate of diverse speakers for this year's first ever webinar series. We hope to "see" you log in and join us as we learn about trending topics like composting, birds in the garden, greenhouses, low water plants, plant combinations, and the age old problem of slugs and snails in our gardens. Login info will be sent prior to the scheduled webinar, and posted on the webpage.



Aging in Your Garden Space – Making Your Garden Age with You

Helena Wagner, 4 Season Gardens, LLC

Do you love your garden and enjoy spending time caring for it? As we age, gardeners go through the process of considering alternatives to keeping up their gardens. Some choose to move, others hire out help, yet others change the garden to suit changing physical capabilities of the gardener.

Garden Designer and fellow Master Gardener Helena Wagner will share ideas for transforming your garden to suit you. Helena has been a Clackamas County Master Gardener since 2010 and studied landscape design and horticulture at Clackamas Community College. Her company, 4 Season Gardens, LLC, helps homeowners create a unique and functional outdoor garden space and improve the curb appeal.

Helena's garden has been featured in numerous magazines and garden publications. Visitors to her garden share fond memories of her skillful use of plant combinations, shapes, perspective, and traffic flow to create a highly attractive and functional space.



What to Do About Herbicide Contaminated Compost and Soil Mix and How to Use Compost in Gardens and Landscapes

*Weston Miller, OSU *recertification credit*

Persistent herbicides sometimes make their way into the regional composting system. Unsuspecting gardeners then purchase herbicide contaminated compost and soil mix leading to plant damage. Learn how to recognize the damage, what to do about it, and how to avoid the problem. Also learn how to use compost in your vegetable garden, landscape, and lawn. Avoid problems from over applying compost.

Weston Miller serves as Community and Urban Horticulturist for OSU Extension Service. Since 2007, Weston has managed the popular Master Gardener™ program in Clackamas, Multnomah, and Washington counties. Weston enjoys gardening and hiking with his family in SW Portland.



Mix and Match – Tips for Creating Perfectly Coordinated Plant Combos

Darcy Daniel, Bloomtown Gardens <https://www.egardengo.com>

Darcy's method for creating perfectly coiffed and coordinated garden vignettes will bring out the stylist in you. Darcy will show you her easy-to-understand, fresh approach to breaking down the sometimes-mysterious act of combining plants which will give you the tools you need to create the perfect ensemble. Before you know it, you'll be mixing and matching plants in your garden to create a look that's unique to you and a match for your personal style.

Darcy Daniels is a Pacific Northwest-based garden designer with Bloomtown® Gardens and the creator of eGardenGo, a web-based tool for simplifying planting design. Darcy created the eGardenGo site in response to questions and concerns she heard throughout the years she's spent designing gardens and consulting with gardeners. She's been designing residential gardens with Bloomtown® since 2001 and is well known for her rich, textural plantings and creative use of small spaces. Her gardens have been featured in many publications, including Country Gardens, Sunset, Fine Gardening, Better Homes & Gardens, Pacific Horticulture, Garden Design online, and more.

Gray and Norrene Thompson Community Projects Grant Program

2020 was a quiet year for the Clackamas County chapter, but our grants committee was still able to fund four grants for a total of \$2,166.00. For more details about this worthwhile program including an all-time detailed listing of the projects that have been funded *please follow this link*.

- The Franciscan Spiritual Center received \$750.00
- Mary S. Young Park, West Linn Pollinator Garden received \$750.00
- The John McLoughlin Elementary Green Team Habitat Project received \$492.00
- The Milwaukie Historical Museum received \$174.00

And an update on the 2019 Oak Grove Garden Club Gazebo Renovation Project...it's completed! Diana Nelson, sponsoring Master Gardener

Reminder: CCMG Virtual Open Gardens Sharon Wiley and Sharon Andrews invite you to join our Virtual Open Gardens via the flickr photo sharing community created to share photos and ideas within our CCMG membership.

The link and instructions to join our flickr photo sharing community can be found on the members page under Links for Chapter Projects or by using the individual page link:

<https://clackamascountymastergardeners.org/opengardens/> .

For questions about the Open Gardens Program contact Sharon Wiley, and for questions regarding flickr photo sharing contact Sharon Andrews.

