



Clackamas County Chatter December 2023

Chapter Meeting – Monday, December 11 at 7 p.m. Milwaukie Center, 5440 SE Kellogg Creek Drive, Milwaukie

Meet & Greet at 6:30: Refreshments will be served! Program at 7:00

Growing Succulents in the PNW, Loree Bohl, author Loree is the creative force behind the



popular blog *The Danger Garden*, where she shares her love for agaves, cactus, and all things spiky and a fondness for ferns and a good patch of PNW moss. Loree has written for several magazines including Better Homes and Gardens, Fine Gardening, and Pacific Horticulture. Her first book, *Fearless Gardening: Be Bold, Break the Rules, Grow What You Love* was published by Timber Press in 2021. Loree will share stories of her own

as well as other PNW gardeners' experiences. She will identify succulents worth growing here and how to go about growing them. Follow the link for more information on this talk: [Lecture Series](#)

We will be sharing our meetings via Zoom through March. [Click here for link & instructions](#)

Awards:

The Chapter meeting on November 11 was the scene of two important Chapter awards: 2023 Master Gardener of the Year, and 2023 "Behind the Scenes" award.

The 2023 Master Gardener of the Year is Kathy Krentz.

Kathy, an OSU Master Gardener since 2019, has worked at the End of the Trail, Grow an Extra Row "Giving and Learning Garden", served as CCMGA Treasurer, and is the Vendor Sales Chair for our Spring Garden Fair. She has donated hundreds of pounds of produce from her own garden to the Oregon City food banks and works tirelessly at GAER and every area she volunteers for. Well done Kathy!



Kathy Krentz

The “Behind the Scenes” award was presented to Cheryl Borden



Cheryl Borden

A Master Gardener since 2007, Cheryl joined the 10-Minute University as lecturer and handout editor, served as back-up Admin for 32 webinars, and, with Jane Coller, developed five short segments of Gardening Q& A with OSU Master Gardeners. Cheryl continues to work with children by writing two lesson plans for an in-school program, led the children’s activities at the Clackamas MG Spring Garden Fair, and taught kids how to do seed tape at a local Earth Day event. Congratulations, Cheryl!

Executive Committee news:

The proposed slate of officers was elected at the November meeting and is as follows: *President:* Amelia Wilbur - *Vice President:* Priscilla Robinson - *Secretary:* Judy Fulton - *Treasurer:* Rhonda Frick-Wright - *Asst. Treasurer:* Vaughan Marable - *Advisor:* Kelly Welch - *Advisor:* Wendy Wilson - *Advisor:* John Wilbur - *OMGA Rep:* Barb Seekins - *OMGA Alternate Rep:* Seamus Ramirez. At the monthly meeting on November 28 the Committee approved donations of Chapter funds to the Hopkins Demonstration Forest (\$1000), The Seed Library (\$300) and OSU Garden Ecology Lab (\$5000).

Looking forward to 2024:

The January Chapter Meeting will be the scene of our *Second Annual Resource Fair*. The entire evening will feature the many areas of focus that MGs can volunteer as well as an evening of “Meet and Greet”. It will be a good time to meet the chairpersons for such events as Spring Garden Fair, Speakers Guild, Grow An Extra Row, Garden Discovery Day, Fall into Gardening, End of the Oregon Trail, Help Lines, and many more. There will be tables and booths set up so you can wander about, learning more, choosing those that interest you to volunteer at and/or attend. You can sign up and get a head start on your hours for 2024. And of course, there’ll be lots of good food to enjoy. Be sure to check out the “Muffin Tree”.



Resource Fair



Muffin Tree

The meeting is January 8 from 6:30 to 8:00pm, Milwaukie Center, 5440 SE Kellogg Creek Dr., Milwaukie. A great time to enjoy learning more about what we do for our community and visit with MG friends. *Note: there will be no Zoom available for this event.*

Save the Dates:

Garden Discovery is Day March 9th: This is our community education event, where we provide educational classes, “Q and A” table for gardening questions, teaching displays and pH soil testing. It is open to the public as well as Master Gardeners. 8:30am to 12:00pm, Milwaukie Center. Learn more about it at the Resource Fair!

Spring Garden Fair will be happening on May 4 and 5, at the Clackamas County Fairgrounds, Canby. You can get information to sign up to volunteer for those days, as well as set up on May 3 & 4, by coming to the Chapter Resource Fair, or contact Amelia Wilbur ccmg.president@gmail.com or www.springgardenfair.org

OMGA Mini-College “Joy of Gardening” will be on July 12 and 13 at OSU in Corvallis. This is a wonderful event to learn, meet Master Gardeners throughout Oregon, and snag some wonderful garden-related treasures. Oregon Master Gardeners will be notified of signup procedures when we are closer to July. (Scholarships will be available.)

2024 Chapter Dues and Directory:

The 2024 edition will soon be available. Clackamas County Chapter dues are \$12 for 2024. (Those wishing their directory to be mailed, please add \$5 to cover postage.)

Dues may be paid in three ways:

1. Cash or check (made out to CCMG) at a Chapter meeting in Nov, Dec, or Jan
2. Via PayPal on the Chapter website ([Membership-Renewal](#))
3. Mail check to Frank Wille

Don't forget to make any updates to your personal information when you pay dues. The Chapter Handbook & Directory is published in late January and distributed at subsequent meetings.

Chapter personnel information is accurate at the time of publication.

If you have information you think should be included in any future edition of the Chapter Chatter, please submit it to Kris LaMar, umjd1973@gmail.com

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