



## Clackamas County Chatter January 2024

*Happy New Year!*

Chapter Meeting – Monday, January 8 at 6:30 p.m. Milwaukie Center, 5440 SE Kellogg Creek Drive, Milwaukie *Refreshments will be served*



*Resource Fair*

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”.



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.*

### OSU and the Metro Extension Office Announce New Leadership



**Dr. Leslie Madsen** has been selected as the new Statewide Master Gardener Coordinator, replacing Dr. Gail Langellotto. Dr. Madsen is currently the Associate Director for Educational Development in the Center for Teaching and Learning at Boise State University. She is an expert in evidence-based teaching practices that are informed by emerging technologies including different learning styles in the age of Artificial Intelligence (AI), as they apply to formal and informal learning platforms. She is equipped to support our coordinators and volunteers, support both face-to-face and distant learning, support DEI efforts across programs, conduct educational assessment, evaluation, and implementation, and support various digital accessibility technologies. Dr. Madsen will begin her position December 29, 2023.

**Srijana Shrestha** will lead the metro area Master Gardener program, covering Washington, Clackamas, and Multnomah Counties as Assistant Professor of Practice, replacing Weston Miller. Srijana comes to us from Washington State University with a master's in horticulture and a bachelor's in agricultural sciences. She is currently finishing her PhD in Horticulture at WSU. Srijana has had wide ranging experiences in nursery production, vegetable crop production, plant propagation, soil-biodegradable mulches, berry production, plant pathology, weed science, entomology, irrigation and nutrient management, climate change, and integrated pest management. Her background also includes DEI (diversity, equity and inclusion) work and volunteer management.



## January Webinars Presented by 10-Minute University:

- January 10, at 1:00 pm: “Making Your Garden Climate Friendly,” taught by Sherry Sheng and Cheryl Borden.
- January 17 and 18, at 1:00 pm: “Pruning Fruit Trees” (17th) and by “Pruning Ornamental Trees” (18th,), taught by Sherry Sheng.
- January 24, at 1:00 pm: “Growing Fruit Trees in the Pacific Northwest”, taught by OSU Professor Ashley Thompson.
- January 31, at 1:00 pm: “Growing Blueberries” by Jane Collier. You can find more information and links to register for each class at
- <https://clackamascountymastergardeners.org/10-minute-university/>



### *From Amelia's desk to yours:*

“2023 has been a year of continued growth for Master Gardeners, with expanding chapter events, and a return of many traditional ones and reframing of others. I’m in awe of the leadership chairs who keep programs on track for educational opportunities, fund raising, community service/outreach, hands on learning, and social events, to name a few. Heartfelt gratitude to all those who volunteered or contributed in some capacity. I’m excited to see experienced MG’s stepping up and assuming vacant chair responsibilities. It is most gratifying to know that the traditions will continue strong in the coming years.

This year has been a time of opportunities for sharing, enjoying good fellowship and establishing new friendships. Within this framework, I want to see programs and sponsor events that meet you where you are; what you enjoy doing; and keeping it where and when you are likely to participate. With the emphasis on educational growth, members will expand skills that benefit the community we serve.

Plan to attend the CCMGA Resource Fair to learn more about each program and ask questions of Master Gardeners who know the ropes. Learn how your interests and skills can play a role in the chapter’s success. SAVE THE DATE: January 8th, 6:30-8:00.

As I close, I want to tell you what I have enjoyed most about being your chapter president this past year: the opportunity to mingle and get acquainted with so many of you. I’m impressed with the caliber of our members; each of you lend strength and make Clackamas County Master Gardeners Association an outstanding organization. I look forward to getting to know more of you as we meet and volunteer together in 2024. Happy New Year to you and yours.

Warmest regards”,

Amelia Wilbur, Chapter President:

## 2024 Chapter Calendar *(subject to change)*

- **January 8** – Resource Fair
- **February 12** - We Study Gardens: an update from the OSU Garden Ecology Lab, Gail Langellotto \*
- **March 9** – Garden Discovery Day
- **March 11** - Regenerating Urban Landscapes: Let Nature Be Your Guide, Carole Hardy \*
- **April 8** - Beyond Plants: What Else Your Garden Needs to Support Pollinators, Matthew Shepard \*
- **May 4 & 5** - 40<sup>th</sup> Spring Garden Fair
- **May 13** - The Worms Beneath our Feet—and Worm Bins, Kris LaMar \*
- **June 10** - Sustainable Turfgrass Management, Alec Kowalksi \*
- **July tba** - Annual chapter outing. Info TBA. Please save the date for the second weekend in July
- **August** - Enjoy your summer volunteering with our CCMGA projects
- **September 12** **\*\*Saturday\*\*** Chapter Picnic, Milwaukie Center
- **October 12** – Fall into Gardening
- **October 14** - Success with planting garlic, Chip Bubl \*
- **November tba** - Characteristics and Natural History of Conifers in the Pine Family (Pinaceae), Elizabeth Price \*
- **December 9** - Native plants in the Home Garden, Eric Butler \*

*\*The above listed chapter talks can be counted as one hour of continuing education for recertification*

### 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*