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# THE MASTER GARDENER™



Josephine County OSU Master Gardener™ Association Newsletter

## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

By Pamela Zaklan, President



### Ring in the New Year

As the New Year approaches, I want to take this opportunity to extend my heartfelt greetings and acknowledgement. Please know how much we appreciate you all for your hard work and achievements during the past year.

Thank you for electing me to be president of the Master Gardeners Association. I look forward to serving as your president, working with you all and welcoming all incoming new students. We will strive to continue to provide an exciting and rewarding educational program for each and every one of you through Seeds of Spring and ongoing classes throughout the year.\*\*

I take this position with humility and ask for your support in our efforts as we join together in our knowledge and friendship to help our community by educating our members and the public about gardening. As Master Gardeners, we research the plant and pest concerns we face in our world and in our own back yards to offer our best advice.

On behalf of the board and OSU staff, I want to thank you all for volunteering in the past, present and future.

As I reflect on years past as a Master Gardener; I ask, "What is a Volunteer?" Through my work and experiences I have come to realize:

- Volunteers are an integral part of the educational process in many organizations.
- Volunteers help contribute to the work necessary to manage (Continue on page 4)

## APRONS AND VESTS

I have 24 aprons on hand, however, the new students will be given first priority to purchase them. If you want to order a new apron or vest, I will be available at the Thursday meetings, starting January 11th, to accept your order. Advance payment by cash or check is required. The aprons at \$22.00 each, and the vests start at \$23.00 depending on size. Larger sizes are slightly more expensive. Please call or e-mail me if you have questions. My numbers are in the directory.

*Joan Foley*

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- *2018 Elected Officers*
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## NEW MASTER GARDENER CLASS

Thursday, January 11, 2018, is the first day for the Master Gardener class. As in many years past, the senior MG's have provided morning and afternoon snacks (finger foods, fruit, veggies, muffins, coffeecakes, etc.) and lunch the first day of class. For lunch we need soups, chili, bread, butter, salads and desserts, cookies, brownies, cup cakes, etc.

I hope you can join us at OSU Extension Auditorium on January 11th. I would love to hear from you. Call me at 805-910-9410 (cell), or email me at [JoCoMG1st VP@gmail.com](mailto:JoCoMG1stVP@gmail.com) If you need food ideas, maybe I can help.

Please put your name on the bottom of your dishes. Crockpots are okay. We can microwave a few dishes, but only to warm up something for around 5 minutes (or less). There can sometimes be a waiting line to use the microwave.

Please bring your dish to the kitchen at any time that morning. Use the "Food for Friends" side (rather than the Auditorium side) if the class has already started. Then you can join the class in the Auditorium with all the other Seniors.

We will provide eating utensils, plates, bowls, napkins, and drinks.

Thanks, in advance, for the goodies that will be brought in for the first day of the new class.

See you there!!

*Mark & Breezy Schallheim, Hospitality*

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Or mail to: 3990 Galice Rd., Merlin, OR 97532.

Or call at: 541-479-7702

**Please let the editor know if you have changed your address, phone # or e-mail address.**

## TREASURER'S REPORT

By John Etchells, Treasurer

Cash & Savings totals as of 11/29/17

Checking: \$6,323.81

Savings: \$32,230.78

CD: \$3,622.14

Total Assets: \$42,176.73\*\*

Total Income from November 1st through November 29th: \$78.46. This comes from Greenhouse Sales [Trees] (\$50), Dues [2017] (\$20), Donations [Amazon Smiles](\$8.46).

Total Expenses November 1st through November 29th: \$944.24: This comes from Greenhouse [Seeds] (\$657.25), Demonstration Gardens [Bark Del & Plants] (\$204.47), SOS [Materials for Class] (\$59.60), Young MGs (\$51.44) Newsletter (\$43.80), Plant Clinic Misc Exp (\$17.97), Admin items

(-8.01), & Hospitality (-82.38).

\*\*These figures are based on reconciling checks and deposits to the 10/31/17 bank statements.

\*\*\*Reminder-While shopping at the Grange Co-Op and/or using the Fred Meyer Reward Programs, don't forget to have them credit your purchases to Jo.Co. Master Gardeners. Also if you shop using Amazon on-line, please go to **Amazon Smiles** and select "**Master Gardener Association - Grants Pass**" as a charity. Then every purchase you make will be credited to us. Amazon is a company that makes its charitable donations based upon the percentage of Smile sales from an organization. This is similar to the Fred Meyer Reward Program.

\*\*\* When you have bills for payment, please be sure to complete an Authorization for Payment/Reimbursement Form and have signed by the committee head or officer responsible for the item. Failure to do so will delay payment.

## GARDEN PONDERINGS

By Karen Pleasant

### Farewell Master Gardeners!

I am a few days away from my last day as the Master Gardener Coordinator in Josephine County. As I approach my official retirement near the end of December, it is a bittersweet moment. The act of letting go of a big part of one's life, even as you look forward in anticipation to the new adventures in the next phase of life, offers a perfect time to reminisce and recollect all the special (and sometimes challenging) times we shared. You are an awesome group of volunteers and I am proud to have been associated with such a dynamic and active group the past few years (4 1/2 years to be exact!). Together we have accomplished so much and I am confident that the tradition will continue and that you will carry on and undertake many more great things in the future. Thank you to each of you for sharing your time and knowledge as a Master Gardener. May your gardens prosper and your green thumbs develop a brighter shade of green! Wishing all of you the best life has to

offer. With deep appreciation and heartfelt thanks for your support and gardening enthusiasm, Karen.

### During the Transition

At this time it sounds like interviews will take place for my replacement in mid-January, but in the meantime I have tried to leave things in good shape so that, with your help and leadership, the Master Gardening training and other activities will run smoothly. John Panches will be acting as the host for the training classes and covering the Master Gardener program until the new staff member is on board. The schedule for the 2018 Master Gardener training program is attached to this newsletter and I think there is a great line-up of speakers. There are several of the usual, but fantastic, presentations along with a few topics that we haven't had for a while, including Plant Pathology and Growing Berries. Remember that veterans can attend most of the 2018 training classes for continuing education towards recertification. You will need to accrue ten hours of continuing education and

**NEW CLASS STARTS  
ON JANUARY 11**

twenty hours of volunteer service between Nov. 1, 2017 and Oct. 31, 2018 to recertify for 2019. There will be a hands-on workshop day for trainees during week seven (Feb. 22nd) and a field trip for trainees on the last day (April 5th), otherwise veterans are welcome at all of the classes. A nice group of about thirty trainees have been oriented and anxiously await the start of the training on January 11th. **Veterans, don't forget to bring a potluck dish that first day and come to meet the trainees.** They are excited to meet you and to get involved in the Master Gardener activities. A note to program leads, the trainees have been filling out their volunteer interest surveys

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**2018 ELECTED OFFICERS**

- President.....Pamela Zaklan
- 1st Vice President .....Mark Schallheim
- 2nd Vice President..... Phylis McIntosh
- Secretary..... Cynthia Low
- OMGA State Rep..... Candace Bartow
- OMGA Alt. State Rep..... Charlotte Hutt
- Past President ..... Terry Ruitter

**APPOINTED COORDINATORS**

- Treasurer.....John Etchells
- Green House Manager .....David Coon/John  
.....Etchells/Pat Etchells/Terry Ruitter
- Plant Clinic..... Wilma Christian
- SOS Garden Seminar ..... Terry Ruitter
- Communications .....John Etchells
- Spring Garden Fair...Sybil Longinotti/Mike  
.....Zerwer
- Newsletter Editor.....Ruth Reel
- Hospitality.....Breezy/Mark Schallheim
- New Projects .Sybil Longinotti/Joan Seward
- Publicity.....Jeana Schorr
- Historian.....Nancy Pyle/Linda Price
- County Fair.....Pamela Zaklan
- Growers Market.....Hank Smith
- K-12 Program.....Charlotte Hutt
- Mentor Committee.....Joan Foley
- Computer Coordinator .....Steve Schoen
- Webmaster..... Pat Etchells
- Perennials .....Joan Foley
- Young Master Gardeners.....Sayaka Lean/  
..... Barry Burnsid
- Membership.....Ruth Reel
- Seeds to Supper.....Breezy Schallheim

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all the functions and integral components of the Master Gardener Association.

- Volunteer mentors are an important component in the success of our new students. Their presence provides valuable help and becomes the welcoming face each week for the groups involved.
- While volunteering in the Plant Clinic and Greenhouse, you share important knowledge with the work group and community.
- Volunteering; whatever way you choose to help whether in school gardens, greenhouses, plant clinic, bringing snacks, Seeds of Spring, County Fair, Food Bank Farm, Spring Garden Fair or other Master Gardener programs and functions, you can be sure your contribution is needed and valued.

In summary, the effective volunteer is responsible, dependable and recognizes the vital importance of commitment. We realize life happens sometimes, but want each and every volunteer to know they are valued for their time, energy and contributions. This organization could not function without you. So, let's get ready for an exciting new year and the fun and friendship in store for this wonderful organization!

\*\*Any Master Gardener wearing their badge may attend classes offered on training days beginning January 11 at 8:30. See class schedule included in this newsletter.

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**PERENNIALS**

The perennial greenhouse will re-open on Tuesday, January 30th, from 9 - 11 am. We will accept donations for division during this time. Please bring your plants between 9 and 9:45 am, which will allow us ample time to re-pot them. The perennial greenhouse invites all Master Gardeners to participate. You do not need to commit for any extended period of time and a one time drop in is acceptable. For those of you who need to be certified, it is a great way to start earning your volunteer hours early in the year. During this first meeting we will be doing maintenance on the plants that have overwintered in the greenhouse and then move outdoors as time permits. Please check the weather report for the day and dress accordingly, including gloves. If you have any questions, please call or e-mail me. My numbers are located in the directory.

*Joan Foley, Perennial Manager*

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and they will be available in a notebook in the plant clinic for you to peruse. Please utilize them and, when you need additional volunteer help, give those folks a call who expressed in interest in that volunteer project. I hope you accept the challenge to get as many volunteers involved as possible! Life is full of changes and I am confident that many positive ones are in store for Master Gardeners and the program as you transition to a new faculty person.

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### MENTORS

The mentors are ready to begin the new training session on Thursday, January 11th, at 8:30 am. We will be there at 8 am on the first day of class to welcome the students as they arrive and to assist them in obtaining their seating assignments. The plan is to set up the classroom at 3 pm the day before, on January 10th. This will be a one time pre-set up only. I'm sure this brings back your recollection of the first day of class and the anticipation of the unknown. I would like to invite all Master Gardeners to join us on that first day of class, in show of support for the new students. Please wear an item of clothing with your class design, since I will be introducing the t-shirt project that day. For all the recent graduates, you may come to any of the classes at no charge to you. All that is required is that you sign in and wear your badge. I highly recommend that you attend the Botany classes given by John PUNCHES to refresh your memory. The schedule will be provided in this newsletter, and you can earn educational hours by attending any of the offered classes.

*Joan Foley, Mentor Coordinator*



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### JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

Happy Birthday to Barbara Larson, Janice McBride, Tracy Dillard, Deborrah Dunham, Debi Ashton, Nan Williamson, Pat Siler, Terry Ruitter, Coleen Anderson, Terry Riley, Wilma Christian, Jim McManus, Rosemary Eichorn, Kathy Delano, Rebecca Anderson, Larry Kroeker, and Jessica Schwarz.



Knowledge is knowing a tomato is a fruit. Wisdom is knowing not to put it in a fruit salad.

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### PHILOSOPHY

I read that 4,153,237 people got married last year. Not to cause any trouble, but shouldn't that be an even number?

I find it ironic that the colors red, white, and blue stand for freedom until they are flashing behind you.

When wearing a bikini, women reveal 90% of their body...Men are so polite they only look at the covered parts.

Relationships are a lot like algebra. Have you ever looked at your X and wondered Y?

America is a country which produces citizens who will cross the ocean to fight for democracy but won't cross the street to vote.

Money talks...but all mine ever says is good-bye.

You're not fat, you're just easier to see.



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## JANUARY CLASS

**Fruit Tree Pruning Clinic**, on Saturday January 27th from 9 to noon. Instructor: Phil Damewood, MG. Outdoor demonstration and practice in pruning fruit trees, so dress for the weather. Bring your own pruning shears and work gloves. (Limit 12 participants). Call Extension Office to register and more information.

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