



Chapter Meeting - Monday, April 10 at 7 p.m. Milwaukie Center, 5440 SE Kellogg Creek Dr., Milwaukie

Contained Exuberance! Adding Style and Pizzazz to Container Gardening- Bob Hyland

Bob Hyland loves plants and containers! As a designer of gardens and container planting, he creates designs that are plant-driven, exuberant, and sustainable. He combines ornamental plants happy in their environment and complementary to each home or space. His container designs have been featured regionally in New York's Hudson Valley and Berkshire Mountains when he lived and worked there—even the New York Times—and now in Portland. Relying heavily on texture and foliage, Bob's gorgeous containers thrive in sun or shade by design. He has suggestions for sustainability that are based on best containers, plants, and care; and of course suggestions for artful, exuberant designs! www.HylandGardenDesign.com [Click here for more info on this presentation and the presenter.](#)



April Plant and Seed Swap before the meeting



6:00 p.m. Set-up & bring plants - *Where:* The patio outside the Milwaukie Center meeting room.

Bring containers to take plants home and bring envelopes for taking seeds home.

Label: Please label your plants or bulbs with the botanical or common names ahead of time. Simple cultivation information will be appreciated (sun, shade, wet, dry, tender, half-hardy).

6:30 p.m. Swap begins for those who donated plants/seeds. .

6:45 p.m. All are welcome to "shop" for plants & seeds. There will an outdoor "holding area" for plants.

8-ish Last chance for bargains!!! Or give homes to orphan plants!

Questions: Please contact Roxane Russell to get on the volunteer list, or if you have any questions about the swap. You can also refer to the [Plant and Seed Swap](#) page for more detailed information.

Coming Next Month - May 8: *Aging and Gardening - A Panel Discussion - Barbara Blossom Ashmun, Patty Cassidy, and Carolyn Guinther will offer advice drawn from research and personal experience.*

Barbara Blossom Ashmun has written 6 garden books, most recently Married to My Garden, about her love affair with plants. Her seventh book, Love Letters to the Garden, is available on Amazon. Patty Cassidy is a registered horticultural therapist. Her book, The Practical Illustrated Guide to Gardening for Seniors, published in 2012, was chosen by The Oregonian as one of the top five garden books that year. Seasoned gardener Carolyn Guinther lives and gardens on nearly one acre in Aloha; her garden has opened twice for the Garden Conservancy Open Day. [Click here for more info on this presentation and the presenters.](#)



Green Glove Award: Sherry Holley, class of 1988 and Bob Woods, class of 2001

After a one year sabbatical from offering the Tomato Growing and Cage Workshop for chapter members, the two of them teamed up to provide instruction to over 30 interns and veteran master gardeners on March 18th. Together, they secured classrooms at CCC, invited a Washington State Master Gardener to provide instruction and demonstration on tomato grafting, and recruited volunteers to help members with their cage assembly. Sherry and Bob are so knowledgeable when it comes to tomato growing and care, that they could teach the topic in their sleep. They are both generous with their time in providing their expertise to their fellow chapter members so they can have bountiful crops. They also kindly encouraged their peers to be ready to answer upcoming client gardener questions regarding their home tomato growing and problem solving. Thank you, Bob and Sherry, for kindly sharing your wealth of knowledge with your Master Gardener peers. May you always have an abundant and plentiful tomato harvest!



Spring Garden Fair - May 6 & 7, 2017 Saturday 9 - 5 Sunday 9 - 4 694 NE 4th Ave, Canby OR

It's time for our 33rd Spring Garden Fair! There are still volunteer shifts available, so don't miss out on all the fun! Use the link below or go to the Spring Garden Fair page and find the Volunteers link for sign up info. The volunteers page includes a list of this year's jobs and a link to the online form to sign up for your shift: [SGF Volunteer Page.](#)

Looking ahead: 2017 Programs and Events Preview: *list is subject to change*

June 12: Conserving Our Bumble Bees - *Xerces Society*

July 10 - 14: International Master Gardener Conference

<http://blogs.oregonstate.edu/2017imgc/>

August 14: Chapter Picnic

September 11: Of Moss & Men - *Sarah Jovan*

October 7: Fall into Gardening

October 9: The Sauvie Island Partnership - *Jane Hartline*

November 13: Growing Conifers - *Things Gardeners Can*

Learn from Christmas Trees - Chal Landgren

December 11: Garden Art and Symbols - *Steve Pettingill*