

CLACKAMAS COUNTY CHATTER



MAY 2017

in Cooperation with OSU Extension
Service Master Gardener™ Program

Chapter Meeting - Monday, May 8 at 7 p.m. Milwaukie Center, 5440 SE Kellogg Creek Dr, Milwaukie

**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 presenter.](#)

Coming Next Month - June 12: Conserving Bumble Bees - Xerces Society

Bumble bees are iconic, native pollinators -- and many species are experiencing dramatic population declines throughout North America. Come learn what the Xerces Society for Invertebrate Conservation is doing to help conserve these essential pollinators, and what you can do to help! <http://www.xerces.org/> [Click here for more info on this presentation and the presenter.](#) MG Education Credit



Green Glove Award: Judy Spreadborough, Class of 2014

For the past three years, Judy has been committed to providing coffee and hot water at Master Gardener Training. She works eight hour days once a week during each term - she arrives before the interns so she can provide them with freshly brewed coffee to start their day off right. Then she continues to monitor and provide for their caffeine needs throughout the day. Each week she also creates fun little signage with brief gardening tidbits to decorate the snack tables, providing for a cheerful and welcoming environment. Judy also helps out each year at the annual Native Plant Sale during the OSU Tree School, assists with 10-Minute University™, and strives to commit to provide 90 hours of time at the phone clinic in the extension office annually. Thank you, Judy, for your commitment to the chapter through your generous hospitality and for being an exemplary role model with your time and dedication on the phones. You have touched many lives through your hot beverage service and gardening advice!

Spring Garden Fair May 6 & 7, 2017

Now in it's 33rd year, our annual fund raiser is happening once again this month. Please support the chapter in this endeavor by volunteering if you have the time. Remember, it's this two day event that supports our chapter's giving back to the community via programs like 10-Minute University, Gray Thompson Community Grants and our CCC Endowment Fund. Our thanks goes out to you, our CCMG members, for your support this year and the years to come. And please save the date in 2018, May 5 & 6.



Of interest to our members: Inviting Vines tour of five gardens benefiting the Rogerson Clematis Garden

Saturday, May 27, 2017 from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm is the 10th annual "Inviting Vines" tour of five gardens benefiting the Rogerson Clematis Garden at Luscher Farm at 125 S. Rosemont Rd, West Linn, 97068. An exclusive and additional event starts at 8:30 a.m. featuring Mike Darcy. Tickets for the tour are \$25. Tickets for the garden tour, including "Breakfast with Mike Darcy" are \$50. Tickets and more information are available online at <http://www.rogersonclematiscollection.org/inviting-vines-2017> Tickets will be for sale at several local nurseries after April 15.

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

July 10 - 14: International Master Gardener Conference

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

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