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Clackamas Monthly News: September 2017

Chapter Meeting - Monday, September 11 at 7 p.m.

Milwaukie Center, 5440 SE Kellogg Creek Dr., Milwaukie

Of Moss & Men - Sarah Jovan, USDA Forest Service



U.S. Forest Service scientists in Portland began a novel study in 2013 by using moss collected from urban trees to develop fine-scale maps of air pollution. Urban moss analysis potentially could revolutionize air quality monitoring by serving as an inexpensive screening tool to help cities quickly identify where to place pollution monitoring equipment. Earlier findings from this study contributed to new pollution controls, reexamination of the regulatory exemptions for the stained-glass industry, and the creation of a new state program, "Cleaner Air Oregon. *In the news:* [click here for PBS news article](#) Click here for US Forest Service webpage - <http://www.fs.fed.us/pnw/research/moss/> Click the Lectures link (above) for more information on this month's speaker.

We will also announce the nominations for our 2017 Officers and Executive Board during the September meeting.

Green Glove Award: Bill Long, class of 2006 & Kathy Long, class of 2005

Bill and Kathy Long have been brewing and serving coffee in the Vendor and Volunteer Break Room at the Spring Garden Fair for many years. Making and serving coffee and hot water is no small task when it comes to serving an average of 220 Master Gardeners working an average of 1,868 hours over a weekend...not to mention the 100+ vendors and their employees! Before the fair, they reserve air-pot brewers and air-pots to pick up two days before the fair, secure coffee donations from the Canby Starbucks (including half and half, sugar, cups and other caffeine necessities), and shop for even *more* coffee at Costco! Bill and Kathy are both gracious enough to arrive on the Thursday before the fair to brew coffee for the setup workers so they can get the fairgrounds ready. And while they're waiting for the coffee to brew, they assist the Break Room Committee with assembling the chairs and tables. Then they brew even more coffee on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday! Once everyone's had their caffeine fill for the weekend, they return all of the coffee pots and the brewers to their original locations. Thank you, Bill and Kathy, for your years of providing coffee service at the Spring Garden Fair. Your time and brewing is much appreciated!

Coming Next Month - October 9: The Sauvie Island Partnership to Protect Migrating Birds - Jane Hartline

Jane Hartline strongly believes gardeners can save the world! She challenges us to put our passion for gardening into a high cause and will offer ideas from her work on Sauvie Island. Jane has lived on the island since the early 70s. As an avid birder and gardener, she is knowledgeable about the island's diverse and abundant wildlife. Upon retirement ten years ago, Jane began habitat restoration work on the island. She founded the Sauvie Island Habitat Partnership and enlisted help from volunteers, landowners, public agencies, and non-profit organizations. [Sauvie Island Habitat Partnership](#) Click the Lectures link (above) for more information on this month's speaker.



Honoring our Members

The CCMG Awards and Nominations Committee is proud to present the following state and chapter awards and recognition to the membership. These members will be honored at the September chapter meeting. Congratulations to these shining stars!

Clackamas County Master Gardener of the Year: Marianne Kahl, class of 2005

CCMG Behind the Scenes: Laura Huckaba, class of 2006

Spring Garden Fair Behind the Scenes: Joby Duggan, class of 2007

Statewide Nominee for Master Gardener of the Year: Herb Davis, class of 1997

Statewide Nominee for Behind the Scenes: Sharon Andrews, class of 2009

Members celebrating milestones

Each year Oregon Master Gardener Association recognizes Master Gardeners who have been with the program for 20, 30, and 40 years. The following Clackamas County Chapter members are celebrating milestones in their Master Gardener career. We have one member celebrating 30 years, Maggie Conley, class of 1987. We have eight members celebrating 20 years from the class of 1997 - Mickey Becker, Betty Buford, Niki Davis, Herb Davis, Muriel Dittler, Carla Kildahl, Linda Neff, and Karen Varty. An OMGA representative will be with us at our September chapter meeting to recognize these outstanding and dedicated members. Congratulations to these veteran members for their many years of support for the Master Gardener program!

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

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

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