



# CLACKAMAS COUNTY CHATTER

## Clackamas Monthly News: March 2018

### Chapter Meeting & Potluck – Monday, March 12 at 6 p.m.

Milwaukie Center, 5440 SE Kellogg Creek Dr., Milwaukie

#### **Growing Carnivorous Plants - Jeff Dallas and Jacob Farin** <http://www.growcarnivorousplants.com>

Of all the plants intriguing to home gardeners, carnivorous plants tend to be among the most misunderstood and frequently killed when we first attempt to grow them. This is sad, because once folks are able to navigate past the misconceptions and myths about them, they can be some of the most interesting and beautiful plants in a garden, particularly here in the Pacific Northwest. In some cases they can actually be easier to grow than typical garden plants. Jeff Dallas, co-owner of Sarracenia Northwest carnivorous plant nursery, will help you get past these misconceptions.

Come learn about commonly available species, care, pests and different applications of carnivorous plants in garden and home settings. *For more info please see the [Lectures page](#).* \*MG Education Credit

#### **March Potluck & Resource Fair March 12 beginning at 6 p.m.**

**Potluck at 6:00.** This meeting will be our annual potluck welcoming the 2018 Interns to the Chapter. Take some time to meet our new members, and visit with old friends. \* *Veterans, please bring your favorite dish to pass, and your plate and silverware.* The potluck will begin at 6:00 followed by the monthly program.

**Resource Fair.** The Chapter Resource Fair will be held before and after the meeting as well as during the break. Don't miss this opportunity to learn about chapter activities for the coming year.

#### **Green Glove Award: Denise Spellman, class of 2017**

Denise more than doubled the required amount of payback hours during her stint as an intern in 2017. While raising her children, she regularly took them on outings to the Crystal Springs Rhododendron Garden. During those memorable visits, little did she know that her special bond with the garden would continue to grow, just as her children did. Once her kids reached adulthood, she regularly volunteered at the garden as a community member. Through her volunteering at the garden, she was approached by a chapter member to take the Master Gardener training, which she happily obliged. Following her training, Denise was able to continue her love of volunteering at the garden, but with a fresh Master Gardener hat on! In addition to regularly attending weekly work parties at Crystal Springs, she also volunteered at Plant Clinics at the Lents Farmer's Market, the International Rose Test Garden, and the Pittock Mansion. Thank you, Denise, for your dedication to the Master Gardener program and for sharing your love for some of our local crowned garden jewels in the Metro area with visitors near and far.

#### **Coming next month on April 9:**

 **Beyond Pinterest - Unlocking the Secrets behind the Pretty Picture - Darcy Daniels**  
[www.bloomtown.net](http://www.bloomtown.net)

Who doesn't love flipping through gorgeous garden images? Whether on Pinterest or Instagram, they're inspiring, fun and pretty to look at—but ultimately not very helpful. Darcy will help you break the code, giving you the tools to translate the pretty pictures into tangible garden plans using an innovative method that relies on asking the right questions in the right order as you define your site conditions, tease out your garden needs and desires, and evaluate possible plant partners through a descriptive design-oriented lens. The result: an artful, site-specific composition of plants that you'll love growing. This easy-to-understand, fresh approach to breaking down the sometimes-mysterious act of combining plants will give you the tools to achieve magical, pin-worthy results in your own garden. *For more info please see the [Lectures page](#).*

## Garden Discovery Day: Saturday, March 4 from 9 am to Noon

Milwaukie Center, 5440 SE Kellogg Creek Dr.

10-Minute University™ Classes (25 minutes each) • Displays (9 am – noon)

An extended plant clinic: Ask a Master Gardener Clinic (8:30 am – 12:30 pm) • Soil Testing (9 – 11:30 am)

\* all sessions count as MG Education Credit towards your annual recertification

Don't forget to share this info with your friends & neighbors! [Click here or see our webpage for more info.](#)

## The January version of the Oregon Master Gardeners Association Newsletter is available to read online.

The Gardeners Pen is published three times a year, and focuses on the activities of Master Gardeners around our state. You will find lots of great features, announcements and articles of interest. Please follow this link: <http://omga.org/january-2018-gardeners-pen-newsletter/>

### Where's Darlene?

Many of you noticed we have two new faces greeting visitors at the Chapter Meeting. Darlene Sanman has retired from her post after 10 years on Meeting Hospitality. Please welcome Rhonda Frick-Wright and Laura Oldenkamp to the job. They have some big shoes to fill - but we are sure they will do great!

### Webpage Changes

Our Chapter webpage has a brand-new look with simplified menus and page sharing on selected pages. Look for the Share Icons on the bottom of these pages to share via Twitter, Facebook, Email or make a printer friendly version. With this update some of the page addresses have changed too - if you had your favorites bookmarked you will need to update them. Here is a list of the main webpage urls you should be using. You will be able to reach the rest of the chapter pages using each of these. [www.clackamascountymastergardeners.org](http://www.clackamascountymastergardeners.org) - [www.cmastergardeners.org](http://www.cmastergardeners.org) - [www.springgardenfair.org](http://www.springgardenfair.org). Thank you to our website team for all your hard work!

### Looking ahead: 2018 Programs and Events Preview - list is subject to change

<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>May 5 &amp; 6:</b> 34th Annual Spring Garden Fair at the Clackamas County Event Center</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>September 10:</b> Five Remarkable Women, Five Remarkable PNW Gardens - Donald Olson, author, Pacific Northwest Garden Tour</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>May 14:</b> Science of Hops and Brewing - Tiah Edmunson-Morton</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>October 6:</b> Fall into Gardening at the Milwaukie Center</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>June 11:</b> Meadow and Grass Ecology - John Greenlee</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>October 8:</b> Earthquakes in NW Oregon - Dr. Scott Burns, Geologist</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>July 9:</b> Chapter Outing/ Art in the Garden hosted by Ray Huston. (Deezine's)</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>November 12:</b> The Unknown History Portland's Rose Test Garden – Harry Landers, Portland Rose Garden Curator, retired.</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>August 13:</b> Chapter Picnic and Potluck at the Milwaukie Center Picnic Shelter</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>December 10:</b> Leach Botanical Garden Plants and History - David Porter, Director of the Leach Botanical Garden</li></ul>