

CLACKAMAS COUNTY CHATTER



May 2019

Chapter Meeting – Monday, May 13 at 7 p.m.
Milwaukie Center, 5440 SE Kellogg Creek Dr., Milwaukie

Landscape Mulches: The Good, The Bad, and The Really, Really Ugly – Linda Chalker-Scott, PhD, WSU
<https://puyallup.wsu.edu/lcs>, www.theinformedgardener.com, www.gardenprofessors.com



Mulches are an ideal alternative to chemical weed control. If correctly chosen and applied, mulches can not only reduce weed invasions, but also reduce management costs by improving water and air movement, moderating soil temperatures, improving soil structure and nutrition, and enhancing beneficial microbes and insects. How can you decide which mulch is best for your landscape? This seminar will teach you how to make these decisions. More info at cmastergardeners.org *MG Education Credit [More info at cmastergardeners.org](http://cmastergardeners.org)

Spring Garden Fair May 4 & 5, 2019 <http://www.springgardenfair.org>

The Spring Garden Fair turns 35 this year! Make sure you save the date and make time to pitch in this year. Please consider signing up for a shift (or two) during the Fair. (Don't forget you get free admission to the Fair when you work.) This two day event supports our chapter's ability to give back to the community via programs like 10-Minute University, Gardening Speaker's Guild, Gray Thompson Community Grants and our CCC Endowment Fund. Our thanks to each of you for your support this year.

The Green Glove for May goes to Reta Suzanne, class of 2007 and Blair Loudat, class of 2014.

As we all know, The Spring Garden Fair is a major undertaking every year for our chapter. During the five days of the Fair and its setup, there are over 425 shifts totaling over 1700 hours of work. This requires a high level of effort to have the setup and operation of the fair flow smoothly. One of these tasks is the arranging for, and coordinating the Volunteers into the time slots needed for success. This year the process went smoothly with an accurate understanding of which assignments are filled. This is due to the efforts of Blair Loudat and Reta Suzanne. Their hard work is very much appreciated and for this they are both awarded the May Green Glove Award. Thank you both.

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. We thank you for your gift of time to our chapter.

- ❖ *Clackamas County Master Gardener of the Year:* Paul Baker, class of 2008
- ❖ *CCMG Behind the Scenes:* Kris LaMar, class of 2013
- ❖ *Spring Garden Fair Behind the Scenes:* Blair Loudat & Reta Suzanne, class of 2017 & 2007
- ❖ *Statewide Nominee for Master Gardener of the Year:* Nancy Muir, class of 2011
- ❖ *Statewide Nominee for Behind the Scenes:* Dick Nelson, class of 1999

Coming next month: June 10: Strange, New and Wonderful Vegetables – Tim Russell, Territorial Seed Co.
www.territorialseed.com

Most gardeners in this part of the world have heard of Territorial Seed Company. Many of us regularly buy their seeds; many more regularly consult their paper or online catalogues for tips on what to grow and how to grow it here in the specific conditions of the Willamette valley. Come visit behind the scenes and into the future at the local giant that is Territorial Seed Company. *MG Education Credit [More info at cmastergardeners.org](http://cmastergardeners.org).



Deerly Missed Open Gardens in May and June

Dave Eckerdt will be our speaker on September 9, 2019. Dave and Pat Eckerdt's two-acre garden has plants you may not have met before, each with its own story. Along the garden path, you will also visit some critters, art and hardscape that contribute to the beauty of the garden. Their ever-changing garden is 25 years old and has become a regular stop for touring garden groups. The garden is open to all visitors Saturday and Sunday, May 4th and 5th and on Friday and Saturday, June 14th and 15th from 9am until 6pm each day. The garden is generally level and easily accessible. For more info follow this link: <https://cmastergardeners.files.wordpress.com/2019/04/deerly-missed-invitation.pdf>

Looking ahead: 2019 Programs and Events Preview - *list is subject to change*

<p>➤ June 10: Strange, New and Wonderful Vegetables - <i>Tim Russell, Territorial Seed Company *</i></p>	<p>➤ October 5: Fall into Gardening at the <i>Milwaukie Center *</i></p>
<p>➤ June 13: ••• <i>Special Event!</i> ••• Evening Party and Shopping at N&M Nursery, Hubbard - <i>Hosted by Rosie Sullivan.</i></p>	<p>➤ October 7: <i>Seed Swap before meeting Naturescaping with Seeds - Amy Campion *</i></p>
<p>➤ July 8: <i>Chapter Outing/ Ainsworth House & Gardens presented by Bud Bowen, CCMG Master Gardener</i></p>	<p>➤ November TBA: <i>Master Gardener Recert - Clackamas Community College *</i></p>
<p>➤ August 12: <i>Chapter Picnic and Potluck at the Milwaukie Center Picnic Shelter</i></p>	<p>➤ November 11: <i>Annual Book Sale Growing Resilience: Dry Farming Vegetables - Amy Garrett, OSU *</i></p>
<p>➤ September 9: <i>'Deerly' Missed: A Pangram Garden - Dave Eckerdt, MCMG</i></p>	<p>➤ December 9: <i>We're Rich! Exploring the Many Nurseries of the Pacific Northwest - Loree Bohl</i></p>

*Items marked with * eligible for MG recertification credit*