

# CLACKAMAS COUNTY CHATTER



# July/August 2019

Monday, July 8 from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm Annual Chapter Outing *Ainsworth House and Gardens*  
hosted by our own Clackamas County Master Gardener Bud Bowen.

19130 Lot Whitcomb Dr, Oregon City, OR 97045.



*Carpooling is encouraged. The chapter will provide drinks and other refreshments.*

Ainsworth House & Gardens is an historic property currently sitting on over two acres of lush gardens. Peaceful, elegant and even whimsical in places, Ainsworth House has hosted Ceremonies, Celebrations and other Family Gatherings for many years. Join us for a personal tour of the grounds and gardens by fellow Clackamas County Master Gardener Bud Bowen. Please RSVP to Terri Hoffman if you plan to attend. <https://ainsworthhouse.net/>

## Annual Chapter Picnic: Monday, August 12 at 6 p.m.

*Milwaukie Center Picnic Shelter 5440 SE Kellogg Creek Dr., Milwaukie*

“The Potato: cheaper than an apple, yet tougher than an egg!!” Dinner will be a tasty potato bar with all the fixings and toppings. (Vegetarian options available.) Please bring either a salad or dessert and your own table service.

There will also be games for all ages, amazing door prizes, and a “Mr. Potato Head” contest featuring your original decorated potatoes. Make it a whole family affair - spouses, kids, grandkids are all welcome. And if you would like to pitch in and join the picnic committee please email John Wilbur.



## Open Gardens

It's gardening season, and that means it's time for Chapter members open gardens. Don't miss this opportunity to visit with your fellow CCMG members and learn even more about gardening in the Pacific Northwest. Watch your email for announcements and other details throughout the summer. If you are interested in inviting visitors to your garden, please contact *Sharon Wiley* and she will make all the arrangements. This year's schedule and more info including photos can be found here: [Open Gardens Page](#). See you out in the gardens!



**Coming on September 9: 'Deerly' Missed: a Pangram Garden – Dave Eckerdt, Marion County Master Gardener**  
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A pangram is a single sentence that makes sense, has as few letters as possible, yet uses each letter of the alphabet at least once, like 'A quick brown fox jumps over the lazy dog.' A pangram garden might then be a collection of plants with at least one genus beginning with each letter of the alphabet. Surprisingly, this is not as easy as it sounds.



Come take a virtual visit of Dave and Pat Eckerdt's two-acre garden and be introduced to some 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 Dave and Pat have named Deerly Missed.

Dave and Pat Eckerdt live in Salem in a home first built in 1891 and now surrounded by a two acre 'collector's garden'. Their ever-changing garden is 25 years old and has become a regular stop for touring garden groups. Dave's writing and photography have been included in several horticulture publications. Dave is currently president of the Salem Hardy Plant Society and the Marion Chapter of Master Gardeners.

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

- **October 5:** Fall into Gardening at the *Milwaukie Center* \*
- **October 7:** *Seed Swap before meeting Naturescaping with Seeds - Amy Campion* \*
- **November 9:** Master Gardener Recert - *Clackamas Community College* \* see your Metro Newsletter in October for more details.
- **November 11:** *Annual Book Sale*  
Growing Resilience: Dry Farming Vegetables - *Amy Garrett, OSU* \*
- **December 9:** We're Rich! Exploring the Many Nurseries of the Pacific Northwest - *Loree Bohl*

*Items marked with \* eligible for MG recertification credit*