



Due to the evolving Covid-19 situation we have cancelled our April & May lectures/meetings. Please check our webpage and your inbox as things change in the coming weeks and months.

Spring Garden Fair Rescheduled

We are very excited to be able to announce the 36th SGF will be held Saturday & Sunday, May 30th & 31st.

We will be partnering with the *Clackamas County Event Center's Taste & Tunes Festival* taking place on May 29th, 30th and 31. The festival features wineries, breweries, distilleries and food in the main pavilion & main lawn, along with live music on two stages.



Spring Garden Fair will be happening with your favorite garden vendors and Master Gardener activities outdoors as previously planned. Stay tuned for more details as they become available!

The hours for the Spring Garden Fair will be the same as previous years: Saturday 9am – 5pm and Sunday 9am – 4pm. The hours for the Taste and Tunes Festival will be Friday 4pm – 10pm, Saturday noon – 10 pm and Sunday 9am to 4 pm.

As you may know, we are under the umbrella of both the Clackamas County Fair board and O.S.U. Extension Service. Should either of these organizations or county/state government decide we need to make changes or even cancel our event we will be required to comply.

To our volunteers: if you don't feel comfortable attending this year please stay home. We will be back again in 2021! You can find updated information about our event on our webpages: www.springgardenfair.org and www.cmastergardeners.org and on our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/SpringGardenFair>.

If you need more information on the Coronavirus, please check with the CDC webpage: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/index.html> or your local government webpages.

Spring Garden Fair management team

A Message from our Chapter President:

This is a strange and challenging time for all of us. A lot of the challenge is the unknown impact of this new virus on our lives. A lot of family, friends, and members of the community that I have talked to have expressed interest and desire for home gardening. This is not only to grow food and flowers but as a family activity.

We have decided to proceed with the Spring Garden Fair not only to be a resource to the home gardeners but to provide a sales opportunity for our vendors. For many of the vendors we are a major source of their income. The later date of this year's fair allows more time for the virus to be brought under control and a safe environment to exist. Certainly as we get closer to the end of May, and if we determine it is not a safe condition, the Fair will not go on. It is certainly easier to cancel at that point than to attempt to restart. There is certainly a possibility that a lot of preparation will go unused. My default is to be optimistic, so at this point I am volunteering at the Fair. If you are not comfortable in working at the Fair this year, it is understandable and we will look for you next year. If you do want to volunteer we would appreciate your help.

As I stated, this is a challenging time. We appreciate your patience, concerns and support.

John Wilbur

2020 President CCMG

Online Resources Available for Virtual Gardening

Are you looking for ways to keep current with your Master Gardener certification? Have you been getting questions from friends and neighbors about how to grow a veggie garden? Check out these webpages for ideas for yourself and to share with others:

For Master Gardeners: OSU Extension has developed a webinar series to supplement other classes you may take this year. [2020 OSU Extension Master Gardener Webinar Series](#)

Our own 10-Minute University™ has handouts and videos available on many gardening subjects: <https://clackamascountymastergardeners.org/10-minute-university/>

Free Online Vegetable Gardening course is being offered through OSU. [Click here](#)

And don't forget that Ask an Expert is up and running as always: [Ask An Expert](#)

2020 Chapter Events & Programs that are currently scheduled.

* indicates eligible for recertification credit (list is subject to change)

- **No meetings in April or May**
- **June 8** - The New Clematis Horticultural Classification - *Linda Beutler, Curator, Rogerson Clematis Garden* *
- **July 13** - Chapter Summer Outing - *Little Prince of Oregon Nursery in Aurora*
- **August 10** - Chapter Picnic- *Milwaukie Center*
- **September 14** - Lan Su – What makes a Chinese Garden? - *Justin Blackwell, Curator* *
- **October 3** - Fall into Gardening - *Milwaukie Center* *
- **October 12** - Mutualism, Deception and Self-Defense: The Complex Dance of Co-Evolution in Insects and Plants - *Celeste Searles Mazzacano* *
- **November 9** - Gardens, Farms, and Nature for Veteran Whole Health - *Scott Hoffman, VA Portland*
- **December 14** - A Short History of Seed and Nursery Catalogues - *Alice K. Formiga, OSU*

Check the webpage for complete information on each program, and program notes from past speakers.



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