



A Note from Chapter President John Wilbur

Hi to all the Clackamas County Master Gardeners. It has certainly been a trying time with the virus, wildfires and smoke. I hope that you are all well and have successfully dealt with these challenges.

The latest information regarding when we will be able to meet and work at chapter Master Gardener activities is sometime late next year. When will be determined by the Extension service and Oregon State University. It is disappointing that it will be that far off.

As a board we have met virtually and approved both a list of officers and the budget for next year. These lists will be sent to you soon for your review. In November we will have a virtual and anonymous voting system for both budget and Executive Board approval. The officer list for 2021 will be remarkably similar to 2020.

The budget will be quite different from those in the past. Next year will be the second year in a row that we will not have had a Spring Garden Fair. We are not in dire straits as there is sufficient money in the checking account and savings. However, we do need to be very careful with spending. Some items are important to maintain for the operation of the chapter and others we will need to reduce or eliminate for 2021.

If we are allowed to start activities early in the year, we will prepare a supplemental budget and submit it to the chapter for approval.

Thank you for your understanding and support. Hopefully, we will return to a more normal operation soon.

John

Newsletter & Chapter Program Information

With chapter activities on hold the Chapter Chatter will change to a quarterly format until we are able to resume chapter meetings and volunteering.

Our program committee is working diligently to create webinars for the 2021 season. The hope is to have both informative and entertaining topics to share with the membership. These will be announced via our quarterly newsletters, the webpage, and chapter emails.

{ Below is a summary of coming webinars. Keep in mind that things can change, so check the webpage for the most current info, and make sure you are receiving our occasional chapter emails. }

October Webinar – Monday, October 12 at 7 p.m. *To participate via OSU ZOOM please follow this link to register: [Webinar Registration](#)*



Mutualism, Deception and Self-Defense: The Complex Dance of Co-Evolution in Insects and Plants - *Celeste Searles Mazzacano, Owner and Principal Scientist, CASM Environmental LLC.*

In this talk, Celeste will show us a world of insects and plants which includes defensive arms races, attraction to sweet rewards, trickery, death traps, sex and reproduction, and elaborate social organizations. Her goal: to engender a greater awareness and appreciation of insects and their functions.

Celeste has a B.S. in Genetics & Cell Biology, and a Ph.D. in Entomology from the University of Minnesota. <http://www.casmenvironmental.com/>

November Webinar -- Monday, November 9 at 7 p.m. Please check your email or the webpage for the registration link in November.



Gardens, Farms, and Nature for Veteran Whole Health - *Scott Hoffman, Therapeutic Garden Program Coordinator, VA Portland Health Care System.*

The Veterans Affairs (VA) Portland Health Care System in Portland, OR is piloting a program incorporating therapeutic horticulture and agricultural vocational training into Veterans healthcare as a component of Whole Health. The program focuses on physical, emotional, cognitive, and social benefits among Veterans, while working in the community and at VA Portland Health Care facilities newly established gardens.

December Webinar – Monday, December 14 at 7 p.m. Please check your email or the webpage for the registration link in December.



A Short History of Seed and Nursery Catalogues - Alice K. Formiga, Assistant Professor of Practice, Department of Horticulture, Oregon State University. Join us for a talk on how seed and nursery catalogs in Europe and the US have evolved from the printed catalogs and seed lists of the 1600s to the online catalogs of the present. This talk draws content from the O.S.U. collection of 2,000 seed and nursery catalogs.

Alice Krinsky Formiga is a former trial garden manager and horticultural advisor for Shepherd's Garden Seeds and Renee's Garden Seeds. She holds a Masters of Library and Information Science from the University of Washington, and works as the director of eOrganic at the Oregon State University Department of Horticulture. <https://eorganic.info>
<http://scarc.library.oregonstate.edu/omeka/exhibits/show/seed/introduction/collection/>

Look for our next newsletter in January 2021. In the meantime please watch for chapter and OSU Program email announcements and read the Metro Master Gardener Newsletter to keep up with any changes.

Have a wonderful autumn and holiday season. Stay safe and healthy - we look forward to seeing everyone when conditions permit.



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