



Welcome to our quarterly newsletter

While our in-person chapter activities are on hold we will continue with a quarterly newsletter, with chapter emails as needed. You can also check the webpage for updates as they are posted.

Greetings Clackamas County Master Gardeners

Here we are a year into the Covid lock down which shut down our Master Gardener activities. I know many of us were able to still assist others using their talents and skills.

There have been gardening contributions to food banks, webinars of 10-Minute University topics and many other benefits to family and friends. You are all to be commended for this effort. It is great that we are starting to head back to a more normal lifestyle.

The Grow an Extra Row program has permission from OSU to restart in a restricted manner. Providing assistance to this program is a positive way we can start on the road back.

I look forward to when we can meet again and resume our support to the community. Hopefully, that will be sooner rather than later. Thanks again for all you do. *John Wilbur*

Spring Garden Fair is still on hold - As of the time of this publication we will not be able to hold our Fair because of state and OSU mandates. However, you can still support our SGF vendors by visiting them during the growing season. Check the *Vendors page* for more details. We have also invited vendors to post on the *Spring Garden Fair Facebook group*, so check often to see what's happening out there!



New Policy Addition

Our Executive Board has added a new policy concerning voting procedures. The new policy approves electronic voting when members are not able to meet in person. You can find a link for the complete document on the *Members Page* under Links for Chapter Documents.

10-Minute University™ has gone virtual with educating the public

- 10-Minute University is on Facebook, reaching out to educate via a virtual platform. The Facebook page was opened a year ago, and now has over 300 followers. If you Facebook, please join the group so we can grow our audience.

<https://www.facebook.com/10MinuteUniversity>

- Noontime Chats- Our 10-Minute University team has been hard at work this year continuing to educate the public via virtual programs. The new series of chats have been a great success. Beginning in February and running through May, the virtual chats have been viewed by hundreds of viewers so far and has increased traffic to our CCMG webpage and added followers to the 10-Minute University and Spring Garden Fair Facebook pages. Check the *Chapter Events Calendar* for a listing of coming chats.

- Webpage- Check out and share all the info that is available on the *10-Minute University page*. Information on coming chats will be posted as it becomes available. From here you will also find links to *Educational handouts*, and the *10-Minute University Videos*. The videos page has links to all the Noontime Chats as well as many previously recorded programs from past events. There are over 70 recordings to view and share!

Congratulations and thank you to this hardworking committee for continuing our mission of educating the public during this pandemic.

OMGA Mini- College 2021 has also gone virtual - July 16 and 17, 2021

REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN: CONNECT • COLLABORATE • CULTIVATE

Keynote Speakers: Robert Michael Pyle - author, educator, and scientist
Gail Langellotto - professor, scientist, and our own MG program leader

Visit the webpage <http://mastergardenerminicollege.org> for more info & to register

2021 Chapter Webinar Series April, May & June

In keeping with current social distancing practices, our program committee has been hard at work lining up a slate of diverse speakers for this year's first ever webinar series. We hope to "see" you log in and join us as we learn about trending topics like composting, birds in the garden, greenhouses, low water plants, plant combinations, and the age old problem of slugs and snails in our gardens. Login info will be sent prior to the scheduled webinar, and posted on the webpage.

Twelve Months of Bloom: From Garden to Vase

Linda Beutler, Author, From Garden to Vase: Growing and Using Your Own Cut Flowers



Linda Beutler, author and cutting garden instructor at Clackamas Community College, will explore the plant kingdom for flowers, foliage and fruit you may not have thought to use, but that you may already be growing! This illustrated talk will offer a visual feast to the eye and inspiration for making your own floral arrangement. In addition, Linda will provide tips for making cut plant material last longer.

Linda specializes in the cultivation and use of herbaceous perennials and cutting gardens for home and commerce. She grows a diverse collection of plants on a city lot in Portland. She is the author of three books: Gardening with Clematis, Garden to Vase, and Plant Lovers Guide to Clematis. She lectures nationally on numerous gardening topics, and she has made numerous appearances on Portland's Garden Time TV.

Backyard Birds

Elaine Murphy, Naturalist and Educator <https://backyardbirdshop.com/elaine-murphy/>



Brighten your yard by inviting birds to visit. Learn what you can do to attract birds by providing for their basic needs, including how to improve your backyard habitats with plants that provide food and shelter and proper use of bird feeders and baths. Elaine also will share tips for identifying common local birds.

Elaine Murphy is an avid birder and has been an educator for nearly 40 years. She teaches nature classes and leads bird walks in the Portland metro region. Recently she appeared at the Tualatin Hills Park and Recreation District, Backyard Bird Shop, numerous garden centers and many garden clubs.

The Most Fabulous Western Natives for Our Gardens

Sean Hogan, Owner of Cistus Design & Nursery, author



Gardening with Nature does not have to be punitive! All around the winter rainfall west, plants abound with not only flowers but incredible leaves, fruit and bark to delight us and our "wild" and "wildlife" friends.

Sean Hogan enjoys introducing people to the plant world with all its diversity. He has lectured extensively in North America and Europe and has conducted explorations in South America, South Africa and the western regions of the United States and northern Mexico. His writing and photos can be found in a wide range of horticultural and botanical literature.

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