



## Clackamas County Chatter January 2022



### Chapter Meeting - Monday, January 10 at 7:00 pm at the Milwaukie Center

*Please remember that we will be required to wear masks, and there will not be any coffee or refreshments provided. Individuals addressing the group will not need to wear a mask during the presentation. Safe distancing will be maintained during the evening.*

### Program: The Fascinating World of Bats



Explore the fascinating world of bats, the only mammal that can fly. Bats are hungry insect eaters, and they are welcome visitors to our gardens. The world's 1400 species of bats also provide other benefits such as pollination and seed dispersal.

Elaine will describe bats that live in our area, where to find them, and how to attract them. The talk will be illustrated with slides and sample bat houses.

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

### Dues for 2022

We are collecting dues for 2022. The cost will be \$12 if you pick up your directory at a meeting or event, and \$15 if you would like it mailed to you. Frank Wille will be available at chapter meetings, or you can fill out the membership form and pay your dues online. [Follow this link for details.](#)

**Spring Garden Fair 2022:** April 30 & May 1 will be the dates for our 36th Fair.

Volunteers needed: The Fair is happening on Saturday, April 30 and Sunday, May 1. As you know, it takes a lot of volunteers to make the Fair a success - we need you! Please email the SGF Volunteers team if you are able to pitch in. Just click here: [SGF Volunteers email](#). And look for the online sign-ups to open in early February - you can find that link [here](#) when it goes live.



Call for Vendors: The Spring Garden Fair committee is looking for new vendors for our upcoming fair. If you have any leads or ideas in this area please contact our SGF Chair, [Paul Baker](#) or email the [Vendor Sales team](#).

## A Note from the Chapter President

Here we are starting the new year of 2022. Last year was a challenge in many ways for all of us. Within the chapter a number of positive things have happened, and we are now moving forward. 10 Minute University™ has provided many webinars that have been viewed by over 100,000 gardeners all over the world. Grow an Extra Row plus chapter members have provided two and a half tons of produce to local food banks.

The Executive Board has been able to meet several times in person as well as having many virtual meetings. We ended 2021 with two in-person chapter meetings.

Planning for the 2022 Spring Garden Fair is well under way. Vendors are responding enthusiastically, and the fairgrounds is anxious for us to have the fair. The final configuration of the fair is evolving but certainly moving forward. A successful fair will help facilitate resumption of more programs within the chapter. As in previous years, there will be a need for chapter members to participate to make the fair successful.

Currently as we move forward with more in person meetings, there is an approval form that needs to be submitted by activity chairmen to OSU prior to the activity. We are using this procedure to insure we are following safe guidelines for meetings. Currently there are protocols include wearing masks and maintaining distancing between participants. I will be glad to help activity chairmen with this meeting approval procedure.

Thanks to all who have helped family, friends, neighbors, and the community during these difficult times. Right now we are on the road toward a fully functioning Master Gardener Chapter. I am not sure how long the road is or what we will be doing at the other end. I can say we are certainly going in the right direction. Thank you all for your support and help with the chapter.

*John Wilbur*, President, CCMG

### Inclement Weather

The Monday chapter meetings will be cancelled if the Milwaukie Center is closed, and/or if Milwaukie schools are closed for that day or the following day. We will also attempt to send out notice via a chapter email and on the webpage if this does occur.