



Clackamas County Chatter April 2022



Greeting Clackamas County Master Gardeners,

March has been a good month for our chapter. We have resumed in person chapter meetings. The March meeting was also presented as a virtual meeting over Zoom. It will happen again in April.



The Revival of the Spring Garden Fair is progressing well. As you can see Laura Oldenkamp and Cindy Campbell are already working on some of the preliminary setup for the fair. As a side note, as this sign was being fastened to the fair ground fence, a lady driving by stopped and cheered the reopening of the fair and her desire to be there Saturday.

The Spring Garden Fair is fast approaching on April 30 and May 1 and there are still a number of volunteer opportunities. We can still use help in Hospitality, Plant Check, and the Raffle. If you haven't signed up to volunteer, please go to SignUp Genius (<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a0e4dafa623aaf58-before1>) or call Blair Loudat . If you have already signed up, please consider adding another shift. We want the Fair to be a success!

If you are able, your assistance would be appreciated. It is not necessary to be a Master Gardener to volunteer at the fair. Your family and friends are invited to participate, and they will receive free admission. As always, this will be a great event and a lot of fun to participate in.

There are 118 paid Vendors so far this year. It is coming together despite all the issues and challenges that occurred.

Our next chapter meeting is on April 11, 7-8 PM.

The topic "Organic Vegetable Gardening: Keys for Success" will be presented by Weston Miller, Clackamas County Extension Agent.

This lecture will be held at the Milwaukie Community Center, 5440 SE Kellogg Creek Drive, Milwaukie.

Learn tips for successful organic vegetable gardening from Weston Miller, OSU Community and Urban Horticulturist. Topics will include definition of the term 'organic', soil preparation techniques, organic fertilizer options, as well as organic pest and disease management.

Weston Miller has been the manager of the OSU Master Gardener Program in the Portland metro region (Clackamas, Multnomah, and Washington counties) since 2007. As the program manager for Solve Pest Problems, he works with OSU and stakeholders to plan and initiate this new, state-wide outreach program. He also serves as elected director and treasurer for West Multnomah Soil & Water Conservation District.



For those who still are reluctant to attend in person, the lecture will be available on line. Watching the lecture via Zoom requires advanced registration. Session will be recorded and link shared with all registrants. Register at

https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_OFYS7TF6S6mBJBatDdhzkg

The noon time Webinars are going well and widely attended. They have been viewed from across the United States, Canada, Mexico, Egypt, France, India, Ireland, and Slovenia.

The next presentations will be:

- April 6th: Tomatoes- transplanting and planting into the garden.
- April 13th: Bugs: the Good, the Bad, the Annoying
- April 20th: Ten Proven Ideas for Pollinator Gardens

You can sign up for the webinars with the link on the chapter website or emails about the webinars that are sent to you. *See the 10-Minute University[™] page for more details.*

Grow and Extra Row (GAER) starts the garden season on April 5th, Tuesday. All gardeners are welcome to join us. We are at the garden every Tuesday and Friday from 9:00 am till noon. You do not need to sign up ahead of time to volunteer at the garden. Hours spent at the garden count as volunteer Partner Hours for Master Gardeners. We always say, "Come when you can and stay as long as you can."

Since 2004, GAER has been a project supported by the Clackamas Master Gardener chapter. We rent a large garden at Clackamas Community College and all the produce we raise is donated to food pantries in Oregon City.

If you have questions, need more information or want to be included in mailing list please contact us at ccmgextrarow@gmail.com.

Here's a chance to meet other gardeners, add to your gardening skills, and support our community.

Have a great time gardening this spring. I hope to see you at one or more of these events.

John Wilbur

President Clackamas County Master Gardeners.

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