



Clackamas County Chatter November 2023

Chapter Meeting – Monday, November 13 at 7 p.m. Milwaukie Center, 5440 SE Kellogg Creek Drive, Milwaukie

Meet & Greet at 6:30: Refreshments will be served! Program at 7:00

Resilient Gardening in Uncertain Times, Kay Everts, founder, and manager of the Seeds for Sharing seed libraries



The local 2021 heat dome may be a wakeup call regarding our changing environment. What can we, as gardeners, do to help secure our local food supply? Learn about the benefits of landrace gardening and how our food supply becomes more resilient through this gardening technique. Kay will be bringing a variety of locally grown vegetable seeds.

Kay Everts is the founder and manager of the Seeds for Sharing seed libraries at the Oak Lodge and Gladstone public libraries and she manages the community seed garden at New Urban High School. She is a landrace gardener and a graduate of the Rocky Mountain Seed Alliance Seed School <https://www.clackamas.us/lib/seeds-for-sharing> Follow the link for more information on this talk: [Lecture Series](#)

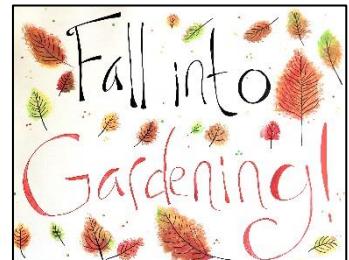
New! We will be sharing our meetings via Zoom through March. [Click here for link & instructions](#)

Elections for Chapter officers, and approval of the budget will be on the meeting agenda.

The following are nominated for the 2024 Executive Board: President: Amelia Wilbur - Vice President: Priscilla Robinson - Secretary: Judy Fulton - Treasurer: Rhonda Frick-Wright - Asst. Treasurer: Vaughan Marable - Advisor: Kelly Welch - Advisor: Wendy Wilson - Advisor: John Wilbur -OMGA Rep: Barb Seekins -OMGA Alternate Rep: Seamus Ramirez

Summary for Fall into Gardening

For the first time since 2019, the chapter was pleased once again to offer the public education day, "Fall into Gardening", on Saturday, October 7th. This has always been a popular traditional event to offer soil testing, educational classes, clinic tabling for garden answers, and many displays to demonstrate gardening skills and techniques. Classes were entertaining as well as educational. "Succulents", "Snails and Slugs" and "Native Plants and Pollinators" provided quite a variety of information for the attendees, which included community members as well as Master Gardeners who received educational hours. There were displays demonstrating Mason Bees, Gardening with less water using mulching techniques, Understanding pH, Seed Saving, Raised Beds, Season extenders, Pruning basics, Drip systems, and Fall cleanup techniques.



A team of MGs provided free soil testing with advisement for amending their soils based on the results received. Since fall is an excellent time to address pH concerns for garden soil, this has been a popular service provided. There were folks who brought their gardening questions and received information from a Master Gardener team at the “Let’s Talk Plants” table.

We plan to offer a similar event in the spring: “Garden Discovery Day”, with free soil testing, educational classes, tabling time for garden advice, and displays. We look forward to inviting the public to attend and chapter members to volunteer for this event. *Watch for an announcement with date and opportunity to volunteer soon.*

Celebrating Grow an Extra Row – 2023 (GAER)

The CCMGA Chapter meeting on October 9th began with a celebration for the GAER team – Eve Freeman and Nancy Muir- and all the volunteers who have supported this project since 2004. There were snacks, carrot cake, a slide presentation and hand- made commemorative wood plate for Eve and Nancy. Each volunteer received a pair of garden gloves.

Grow an Extra Row has completed another successful year of growing a garden, learning together and teaching others how to grow vegetables and herbs and donating to local food pantries. GAER donated 3747 pounds of produce, and 50 volunteers spent 1535 hours on this project. A full report of the 2023 activities will be available in November. For 2024, Clackamas County Master Gardeners have stepped up to continue this amazing mission to provide fresh vegetables for those with food insecurity.



Eve & Nancy



GAER volunteers over the years receive gloves & gratitude from the chapter

It's important to remember that this amazing program persevered through the pandemic and years of no new interns, a tribute to Nancy and Eve's commitment to our chapter and the people of Clackamas County. Grow an Extra Row needs volunteers to continue to grow, learn & give. If you want to get involved contact Priscilla Robinson or Kirk Pearson.

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Call for Volunteers

As we look forward to "putting our gardens to bed" over the winter, we also anticipate changes in the chapter's Committee leadership positions. The 2023 CCMG Handbook has a list of existing Committees, and their current chairs and vacancies (page 23). If you are interested in taking on a position, please contact Amelia Wilbur, Priscilla Robinson, or Wendy Wilson. You can get an idea of the activities each of the committees has been involved in in past email announcements, listed here: [*Past Email Announcements*](#)

2024 Chapter Dues and Directory

The 2024 edition will soon be available. Clackamas County Chapter dues are \$12 for 2024. (Those wishing their directory to be mailed, please add \$5 to cover postage.)

Dues may be paid in three ways:

1. Cash or check (made out to CCMG) at a Chapter meeting in Nov, Dec, or Jan
2. Via PayPal on the Chapter website ([*Membership-Renewal*](#))
3. Mail check to Frank Wille

Don't forget to make any updates to your personal information when you pay dues. The Chapter Handbook & Directory is published in late January and distributed at subsequent meetings.

Chapter personnel information is accurate at the time of publication.

December's chapter meeting will be held on Monday, December 11, 2023, 7 p.m. We hope to see you there!

If you have information you think should be included in any future edition of the Chapter Chatter, please submit it to Kris LaMar, umjd1973@gmail.com