



Clackamas County Chatter May & June 2024

Chapter Meeting – Monday,

June 10 at 7 p.m. Milwaukie Center, 5440 SE Kellogg Creek Dr. Milwaukie

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

The Worms Beneath our Feet and Our Worm Bins: *Kris LaMar, Master Gardener*



Kris LaMar retired from the legal profession in 2009, and became intrigued by soil health after moving to an acre in Damascus. She has been composting throughout her journey as a Master Gardener and Master Recycler since 2013. Intrigued by the interactions between and among soil elements, she is a frequent

speaker on soils, microbes, soil health, and the practically unknown value of worms in our environment. Kris will talk to us about the value of composting and show how a worm bin can eliminate most of your food waste, provide soil amendments and fertilizer to enrich your soil, and can be used as a much for weed control and water conservation. Kris will explain more about how it's all done.

Nursery Tour at N & M Nursery: June 17, 5:30 – 8:30 pm.

Please plan to mark your calendars for June 17th from 5:30- 8:00 to spend a fragrant, blossoming and colorful evening with Rosie at N&M Herb Nursery in Hubbard. She has graciously opened her exquisite nursery to us as well as providing a delicious, barbequed dinner and beverages. If that doesn't tempt you enough, Rosie has discounted all her plants by 25% and encouraged us to bring a guest or two. Feel free to carpool given that parking is limited. Keep your eyes open for an emailed Evite as your official invitation and RSVP



Our 40th Anniversary Spring Garden Fair by the Numbers

This year's Fair was one of the wettest in recent memory. Despite all the rain (and mud) we were very satisfied with the outcome. Anniversary activities helped brighten the mood with door prize drawings each day, and two Grand Prize wagons filled with garden swag. Overall, our numbers were down across the board. We hosted 120 Vendors, who were generally happy with their sales considering the weather. Fair attendance was 5542. (Down just a bit from 8200 last year.) Income was about the same due to the admission increase from \$5.00 to \$7.00 at the gate. 10-Minute University™ attendance was 230, and the Clinic talked with 266 clients. Children's Activities had 160 enthusiastic visitors making garden crafts, and the Exhibit Hall was very busy due to the weather, and of course, the 40th Anniversary

cake! (Thanks, Sharon, Leah, and Jane for putting that together.) Soil testing had 457 samples dropped off by 173 people. Plant Check saw 547 on Saturday and 124 on Sunday. Our volunteers numbered 188, working 376 shifts with 60 Interns and volunteers from Multnomah and Washinton Counties. Raffle gave away more than 800 prizes with four drawings each day. Now that it's all over and we are dried out, we are ready to do it all over again in 2025! If you would like to join the planning committee please contact any committee member, or email Cindy Manselle, our new Spring Garden Fair chair. We have several openings available. Serious planning begins in September. <https://springgardenfair.org/committee/>



It's Rose Time at the End of the Oregon Trail Pioneer Garden!

Our chapter is involved in many worthwhile projects. One of these is the Pioneer Garden at the End of the Oregon Trail. Volunteers have been working in the garden since 2004. Yes, it's been 20 years! This project is unique in many ways, with a historical component to the display gardens. The gardens demonstrate the plants that settlers would have carried with them along the trail and planted here when arriving. There is a vegetable garden, an herb garden, and over 20 rose varieties from that period collected from heritage sites around Clackamas County.

Every May and June the roses bloom, scenting the air with their old-fashioned fragrance, especially the Cabbage Roses. We hope you can make the time see this historically important project. The gardens are located at the End of the Oregon Trail Interpretive Center on 1726 Washington St, Oregon City. The Center is open daily for tours, and the grounds are open dawn to dusk every day.

If you can't make it in person, please take a look at the EOT Pioneer Garden blog: <https://eotpioneergerden.wordpress.com/> There are photos and other interesting information about our project. And please consider joining our crew. We meet every other Wednesday from 10:00 to around noon. The 2024 Wednesday workday schedule: May 29, June 12 & 26, July 10 & 24, August 7 & 21, September 4 & 18.

To add your name to our mailing list and stay in the know about the garden send a note to Cindy Woodbury. *We hope to see you there!*



Spring Update from Grow An Extra Row-GAER

Kirk Pearson (GAER Lead) and the crew have been busy. Over 16 rows have been prepped and planted; nearly 100 pounds of beautiful produce already donated as of May 14th. The cool crops have developed nicely under row cover. The Sugar Snap Peas are "hip high" and vibrant green. The vegetable starts grown and nurtured by our volunteers are healthy and spreading their roots to grow. Seed tape has made planting pesky tiny seeds a breeze. That's the mission.

The team shows up and does their best to fulfill the ambitious task list planned for the day. It's such a positive and peaceful environment. With the weather warming and soil temperatures optimum, we are getting ready to plant 5 rows of tomatoes, peppers, squash, cucumbers and tomatillos.

GAER is proud of the dedicated volunteers who come day after day. Come be part of the team. We welcome Master Gardeners, Interns and Community Gardeners ready to pitch in and take on the task list. Our workdays are Tuesdays and Fridays 9-12. The garden is located at Clackamas Community College Community Gardens. No need to sign up. "Come when you can; Stay as long as you want."



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Dr. Silva Rondon

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Join the Oregon Master Gardener™ Association for the Joy of Gardening 2024 in July. Online registration is now open for this fun, educational event.

Follow <https://omga.org/joy-of-gardening-2024> for all the details including registration, dorm and other lodging information, schedule, class descriptions and more.



May & June Webinars Presented by 10-Minute University™

All classes are from 12:00 pm to 1:00 pm

**All talks are approved for one hour continuing education credit*



- **May 22:** Growing Root Crops taught by Priscilla Robinson
- **May 29:** Superpower for Your Vegetable Garden: Growing Cover Crops taught by Sherry Sheng
- **June 5:** Growing Vegetables Year-Round taught by Jane Collier
- **June 12:** Ten Proven Ideas for an Accessible Garden taught by Leah Puhlman

You can find more information/ links to register here:

<https://clackamascountymastergardeners.org/10-minute-university/>

Chapter Calendar

**All lectures are approved for one hour continuing education credit*

- **Open Garden May 26 & June 2 – 11am – 5pm:** Home of Nancy Cutler in Wilsonville (see your directory for complete address info)
- **June 10 – Lecture Series:** The Worms Beneath our Feet and Our Worm Bins, *Kris LaMar*
- **June 17** - 5:30-8:00- An evening at *N&M Herb Nursery in Hubbard*
- **July 12 & 13** (Friday & Saturday) *OMGA Joy of Gardening*
- **September 7** **Saturday** Chapter Picnic, Milwaukie Center
- **October 12** – *Fall into Gardening* Milwaukie Center, Milwaukie Oregon
- **October 14** – *Lecture Series:* Success with Planting Garlic, *Chip Bubl*
- **November 12** **Tuesday** – *Lecture Series:* Characteristics and Natural History of Conifers in the Pine Family (Pinaceae), *Elizabeth Price*
- **December 9** – *Lecture Series:* Native plants in the Home Garden, *Eric Butler*

You will find more information about each event by clicking the blue highlighted links above.

Chapter Housekeeping

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<https://clackamascountymastergardeners.org/chapter-handbook/>

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