



Clackamas County Chatter October 2024

Chapter Meeting – Monday,
October 14 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 •
Success with Planting Garlic,: *Chip Bubl, retired Extension agent*



Chip Bubl will fill us in on everything you need to know about planting, growing and harvesting garlic.



CLACKAMAS COUNTY MASTER GARDENER™ ASSOC. PRESENTS:

Fall into Gardening

October 12, 2024 • 9am to noon

Milwaukie Center, 5440 SE Kellogg Creek Drive in Milwaukie

Learn Gardening Skills with OSU Master Gardener™ Volunteers

FREE & OPEN TO THE PUBLIC • DOORS OPEN AT 8:30

9:00 The Joy of Houseplants

10:00 Beyond Grass Lawns

11:00 De-Bunking Common Garden Myths

Soil Testing (9 – noon): We test your soil pH & give advice on amendments. Up to 4 samples per client.

Let's talk Plants (8:30 – noon): Master Gardeners will be on hand & eager to talk all things plants, diseases, pests & insect issues. Bring your questions, samples and/or pictures.

Educational Displays: Three dimensional displays covering timely garden subjects

More information: <https://clackamascountymastergardeners.org/fall-into-gardening/>

Septemberfest – CCMGA Annual Summer Picnic 9.07.24

The laughter was bright, smiles wide and conversations nearly endless. With over 80 in attendance, families and friends gathered to celebrate a summer filled with victorious gardening and abundant volunteer opportunities. Live music and festive harvest decorations set the stage for a picnic filled with delicious home-crafted sausages and the famous chapter potluck line-up, vibrant with homegrown veggies and home-baked treats. There were even lawn games and rock painting!

Amelia Wilbur, chapter president, welcomed everyone and thanked them for attending. She emphasized with deep gratitude “all our hard work this spring and summer has been fruitful for the chapter and our community. Thank you!” Laura Eyer and Karen Day were honored for their dedication to the landscape design and new plantings at Hopkins Demonstration Forest. Vice President Priscilla Robinson gave thanks for the many hands that helped to plan and orchestrate the picnic, highlighting Anthony Yeznach and Gus Robinson as they managed the fresh grilled sausages on the BBQ’s. She was in awe of the many sides,

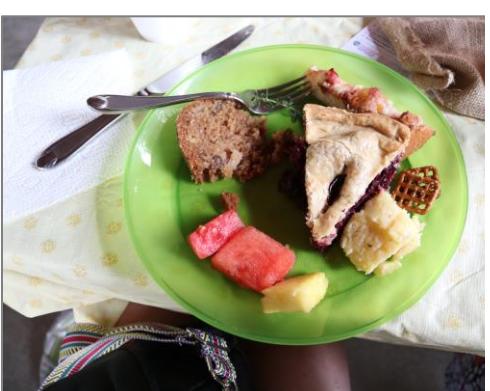
salads and desserts that epitomized the partnership of the chapter members - exquisite and unique. She encouraged folks to continue their involvement with chapter activities heading into fall.



Rhonda Frick-Wright led a sing-along with an original ballad of clever lyrics telling the story of Master Gardener help line set to the tune of “Drunken Sailor” ([We made a short video – click here for the link.](#))

The fellowship of gathering, meeting new friends, sharing stories and photos lingered on with the serenade from the troubadours as the evening ended with the customary door prizes.

Many happy recipients went home with autumn-hued chrysanthemums, and no one left hungry in body or spirit.



For more photos please see page four

Cindy Manselle, Incoming Spring Garden Fair Chair

I grew up in New Jersey next to my Grand Father's vegetable farm. Every summer I would work at the farm and vegetable stand. I loved every minute of it. It instilled in me a fascination and love of all things to do with plants and nature.



In 2002 I became an OSU Master Gardener and found a group of others with my interests and passions. In 2016 until 2020 I served as class coordinator for the Interns

training every year. I also served as chapter president in 2018 & 2019. In 2017 I joined the SGF Hospitality team, and last year I co-chaired Spring Garden Fair.

I have enjoyed every day of my 22 years of being a Master Gardener. I especially enjoy sharing my love of gardening with others. One of my favorite things each year is the Clackamas County Spring Garden Fair. This year I'm excited to be the Chair of the Spring Garden Fair. The fair is the place for everyone from the garden addicted to the casual gardener with a small yard and a few plants.

From the Desk of Amelia Wilbur

After a brief summer hiatus, our chapter is back to a full schedule of activities and events. The autumn season was kicked off with a delightful gathering of members, guests and families at our September picnic, with one of the largest attendance in years. Thanks to Priscilla and team who provided this wonderful evening with great food, music and fellowship.

We recently sent out a survey to each of you. It was gratifying to receive over 100 responses and the majority indicated interest in filling leadership positions. It has been a goal for our chapter to return to the completely full calendar of activity we enjoyed prior to the shutdown. We are nearly there...and with that return we welcome new leaders and volunteers to help make it successful. As I read your responses in the survey, I was impressed with your backgrounds of skills and interests prior to becoming a MG and your willingness to contribute those talents to the MG programs. I am always in awe of your knowledge of gardening, in addition to offering to serve in areas requiring technical, organizational and communication skills.

We still have lots of places for you to serve - be sure to watch chapter emails for future events, as well as the educational

opportunities for program hours that are scheduled through Extension via Cervis. We welcome your participation at any level that you wish and hope you will look for new areas to volunteer next year. The recording for volunteer hours has ended for 2024. Be sure you have watched the webinar to learn about the new VRS program and complete your recertification if not already done.

Our next chapter event is Saturday October 12th, with public education "Fall into Gardening". 9:00-12:00. Fun for all who attend. See details listed on the chapter webpage and this newsletter.

I look forward to seeing you at our October chapter meeting on the 14th. Come early (6:30) for "meet and greet". At 7pm, we will be honoring several MGs with awards as well as recognizing our graduating interns with a gift. The lecture series then follows with a certified education hour and delightful talk on garlic. We are working to provide a Zoom link for those unable to attend in person. Watch for further information.

My very best to each of you, Amelia Wilbur – Chapter President

Spring Garden Fair

Planning for this annual event is underway. Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, October 22 at the Extension office Annex. All are welcome to the meetings, and if you are interested in joining our team, please contact Cindy Manselle.

And of course, save the date for our 2025 Fair – Saturday and Sunday, May 3 & 4.

<https://springgardenfair.org/committee/>



Bond Measure #3-613

We want to bring awareness of a bond that will impact Master Gardeners and Extension. Clackamas Community College proposed Bond Measure which is on the November ballot. What got our attention is: "Enhanced partner and community connections." Included in the proposed enhancements is a new Extension office on the CCC Campus. Cost: The Proposed \$120-million bond, if passed, would renew the existing tax rate of 25 cents per \$1,000 of assed value. Please be aware of this bond when voting this November. Additional information is at: www.cccBond.org Please note that this is estimated to NOT raise your tax rate.



November's Chapter meeting will be held on **Tuesday**, November 12, 2024, 7 p.m.

The business agenda will include election of officers and adoption of a budget. Chapter members will be presented with the slate of officers and proposed budget at the **October meeting**, and the elections will be held during the November meeting.

The November lecture: Characteristics and Natural History of Conifers in the Pine Family by Elizabeth Price

This talk will focus on the pine family (Pinaceae). The foliage, cone, bud, and bark characteristics that differentiate spruce, true fir, hemlock, Douglas-fir, larch, and true cedar will be highlighted. A bit of history on each of these groups of conifers will also be presented. Elizabeth Price has been a certified Master Gardener since 2008 and has been leading workshops on conifers for other Master Gardeners and for the public for over a decade. This interest in conifers lead to her writing a book on the subject, Native and Ornamental Conifers in the Pacific Northwest: Identification, Botany, and Natural History

Chapter Calendar

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

- **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

➤ **Clackamas County Master Gardener Assoc. is on Facebook!** If you Facebook please give us a like and follow. <https://www.facebook.com/ClackamasCountyMasterGardeners> Send us a FB message if you have any content suggestions 😊

➤ These items were left behind at the September picnic. If they look familiar, contact Priscilla. Pwellsrobinson@aol.com



2024 Chapter Picnic photos



CCMGA Peace Pole

Created for the Joy of Gardening event in July – the peace pole represents four of our popular chapter activities.

Thank you, Rhonda Frick-Wright, for your hard work in creating this symbolic display.

