



Clackamas County Chatter December 2024

Happy Holidays

Chapter Meeting Monday, December 9 at 7 p.m. • Milwaukie Center, 5440 SE Kellogg Creek Dr. Milwaukie

Meet & Greet begins at 6:30 with refreshments. *There will be holiday treats and fun this month!* The program will start at 7:00.

Native Plants in the Home Garden with Eric Butler



While gardening with native plants today is more popular than ever, gardeners often wonder how to best use them in the landscape. This presentation explores what makes a plant "native", situates native plants in the context of native ecosystems, and adopts those ecosystems into concepts

for the home garden. It also discusses where to obtain native plants and lists relevant resources.

Eric Butler is a professional ecologist with Clackamas River Basin Council. He has been an OSU Extension Master Gardener since 2015. He has also taught classes and workshops at Portland State University, Clackamas County Tree School, Clackamas Community College Environmental Learning Center, and local high schools. (Recertification hours available)

Gray & Norrene Thompson Community Projects Grant

The committee will provide their annual check-in for this worthwhile chapter project. You can also learn more about it all here: https://cmastergardeners.org/graythompson_communityprojects/ The purpose of this project is to broaden CCMGA's community service by providing seed money for projects which further the use of plants as food, as tools for education, as benefits to the environment, and as a means to beautify the community.

Have you heard about "Seed to Supper"?



This program is now part of OSU Extension. We are pleased that our chapter members Nancy Muir, Eve Freeman and Bill Dixon successfully launched the program this Summer 2024! The Seed to Supper is now one of our Chapter events designed to educate and provide resources to novice gardeners.

The goals and hopes are that these individuals and families will learn new skills that help them to grow fresh vegetables, gain confidence/self-esteem through gardening and learn how to prepare and cook the veggies they grow. We are looking forward to increasing the base of our volunteers for this program next spring and summer.

You can learn more about the program at our January chapter meeting. You'll learn more about how the program has evolved and how you can be involved.

And here's how we can start right now to support this program:

At the December, January and February meetings we will be collecting used hand tools and long-handles tools. These tools will go to the gardens of individuals who are participating in the Seed to Supper Program. This is a great time to clean out your tool shed of the "extras" that are cluttering your space!



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Please welcome our 2025 Executive Board!

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We look forward to working with you all in the new year!

Dues are due!

2025 dues are being collected by Frank Wille at the monthly meetings. The cost is the same: \$12.00 per member. *It is very important to verify/update your phone number, address and email as soon as possible.* Frank can do this for you at the meeting. New Master Gardeners - you need to do this too! We can accept checks made out to CCMGA or cash at the meetings. If you will not be attending meetings in person, check payments can be mailed to Frank Wille, 11614 Hazelnut Court, Oregon City 97045. You can mail any updates directly with your payment. Or you can pay via Paypal by following this link: <https://cmastergardeners.org/membership-renewal/>. The Directory/Calendar will be available at an upcoming meeting in early 2025 - TBA. And remember your chapter handbook is available as a print version online 24/7. <https://cmastergardeners.org/chapter-handbook/>



Chapter Meetings via Zoom Was Successfully Launched.

 We are pleased to announce that we will be offering Hybrid Monthly Meetings in the next few winter months via Zoom. Technology is wonderful when it works, and the November meeting was effective. People logged in and streamed the meeting. They were able to hear and see the announcements and program presented by the

speaker. If you want to utilize Zoom because you are out of town or unable to get to the Milwaukie Community Center, you will need the Meeting Invitation and password. Link and password will be provided shortly before each chapter meeting. Watch your email announcement with the agenda or the chapter website prior to the meeting.



Note from the Desk of Amelia Wilbur

As this year draws to a close, I will be leaving the position of chapter president. It has been an honor to serve and work with so many of you. The goal for the past two years has been to rebuild the programs that were impacted by the pandemic shutdown. This meant there were leadership and volunteer positions that needed to be filled, which was not easy being complicated by fewer graduates coming into the program. I am gratified to see the spirit of service, commitment and creativity that so many of you provided to help achieve these goals. The "stellar" events that are the chapter flagship programs (which provide for chapter funds, as well as promote education and training to the community) are back up and successfully run,

many by new volunteer leadership as well as enthusiastic teams made up of new graduates and perennials.

With the recently completed election for 2025, the chapter is in excellent shape to continue growth and expansion into new and expanding programs. Your new Executive Board is now filled with strong and capable leaders, headed by President Priscilla Robinson. I know it will be a successful year for CCMGA. May I encourage you to join in as you are able for volunteer events and positions this coming year. I hope to see you at many of next year's events!! *Amelia*

This Month: December

- **December 9** – Monthly Chapter Meeting and *Lecture Series*. Open to the public.
- **December 3** – Executive Board Meeting **Please note changes to the dates for November and December due to the holidays** December 3rd (for the November meeting) at the home of Priscilla Robinson at 2:00 pm and January 7th (for the December 31st) at the Extension Annex, 2:00 pm. *Meetings are open to anyone wishing to attend.*
- **December 18th** - Spring Garden Fair Meeting at the Extension Annex in Oregon City at 7:00pm. All are invited to join us. Two of our committees are in need of help for the 2025 Fair: Vendor/Master Gardener Breakroom, and Potting Station. Each of these positions are needed primarily for the week before and the days of the fair. If you are interested in lending a hand, or just want some information, please contact Spring Garden Fair chair Cindy Manselle. And of course, save the date – **Saturday and Sunday, May 3 & 4, 2025**.

<https://springgardenfair.org/committee/> Everyone is always welcome!

10-Minute University™ Webinars: Let's Grow Together!

Every Wednesday 1/8/25 to 5/14/25 Free w/ pre-registration. Details @ cmastergardeners.org

January 8  FRUIT TREE PRUNING	January 15  PRUNING SOLUTIONS FOR TREES & SHRUBS	January 22  GREENHOUSE GARDENING 101	January 29  GROWING BLUEBERRIES	 Clarkamas County Master Gardener™ Healthy Plants  Nutritious Food  Beauty  Biodiversity 
February 5  HEALTHY SOIL: PRACTICAL TIPS FOR NEW & SEASONED GARDENERS	February 12  GROWING VEGETABLES IN SMALL SPACES	February 19  GARDENS AS STEPPING-STONE HABITATS	February 26  GROWING EARLY-SEASON VEGETABLES	
March 5  CREATING A POLLINATOR GARDEN	March 12  TIPS FOR GROWING VEGETABLES & BERRIES	March 19  TIPS FOR GROWING TOMATOES	March 26  PLANT SUPERHEROES	
April 2  HOUSEPLANTS 101	April 9  RESILIENT GARDENS	April 16  SOLVING PEST PROBLEMS	April 23  GOOD BUG, BAD BUG	
May 7  DEBUNKING GARDENING MYTHS	May 14  INSECT-FRIENDLY HABITAT	 Oregon State University Extension Service Master Gardener™		In collaboration with and in support of the Oregon State University Extension Service Master Gardener™ Program

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looking ahead

- **January 7** - Executive Board Meeting **Please note change to the date for December due to the holidays** January 7th (for the December 31st) Executive Board Meeting, Extension Annex, 2:00 pm *Meetings are open to anyone wishing to attend.*
- **January 13** – *Lecture Series*: Seed to Supper – A presentation by Nancy Muir and Bill Dixon
- **January 15** – *Spring Garden Fair* meeting 7:00 at the Extension Annex
- **January 28** - Executive Board Meeting, Extension Annex, 2:00pm *Meetings are open to anyone wishing to attend.*
- **May 3 &4** – *41st Spring Garden Fair: Saturday 9-5 & Sunday 9-4*

Please be patient while we plan our Chapter Calendar for the coming year.

Save the dates: 2nd Monday January – June and October – December for our monthly Lecture Series and chapter meetings. Also returning will be Garden Discovery Day in March and Fall into Gardening in October.