



Clackamas County Chatter January 2025

Happy New Year



Chapter Meeting Monday, January 13, 2025 at 7 p.m. • Milwaukie Center, 5440 SE Kellogg Creek Dr. Milwaukie

Meet & Greet begins at 6:30 with refreshments. The program will start at 7:00.

Seed to Supper – A presentation by Nancy Muir and Bill Dixon



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.

Seed and Tool Donations Needed for Low-Income Food Gardeners



We will again be collecting used, usable garden tools at the January and February Chapter meetings. These tools will be given to our "Seed to Supper" trainees who don't have the tools needed to grow food for themselves and their families. We also need vegetable and herb seeds for them to plant. Any seeds packaged from 2021 should be usable if they were kept inside, sealed and dry. Please ensure the packets are sealed and labeled. Thank you for helping these food gardeners in need!



PLEASE DONATE

Dues are due – Deadline of January 13 is Set for Listing Your Name in the 2025 Directory

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 Announcements

➤ 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. 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.

➤ 2024 Gray and Norrene Thompson Community Projects Grants Year End Report

At the December Chapter meeting, Laura Eyer presented information about the 2024 Gray and Norrene Thompson Community Projects Grants. Photos and reports were presented to the membership by their sponsors. In 2024 there were five applicants. The total amount awarded was \$2,513.33, just under the 2024 budget of \$3,000.00.

Thank you to each of the hardworking sponsors that facilitated each of these projects. Please read all the details on the webpage: https://cmastergardeners.org/graythompson_communityprojects/

➤ Spring Garden Fair

Planning for this annual fundraiser continues this month. Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, January 15, 7pm at the Extension office Annex. All are welcome to the meetings. The committee is in need of someone to help out in two areas: **Vendor/Master Gardener Breakroom** during the week of the Fair, and someone to co-chair the **Potting Station**, also during the week of the Fair. If you are interested in helping out, please contact Cindy Manselle. And save the date for our 2025 Fair – Saturday and Sunday, May 3 & 4. <https://springgardenfair.org/committee/>





Note from the Desk of Priscilla Robinson

Happy New Year my fellow Master Gardeners.

This is my first President's Note. I want you to have some perspective on my lens of the world. I was the third-born daughter, who was gifted with the inspiration of my father to camp, hike, fish, sail and GARDEN. Happiest days were when we planted in the Spring with hope and when we gathered the harvest on a hot summer day. We were blessed with filling the sink with garden goodness.

This inspiration manifested itself into a lifelong science career as an educator, curriculum developer, STEM conference speaker and school administrator. I stand before you as the incoming President of the Clackamas Master Gardener Chapter. I am inspired to work in this role because of all the wonderful members who tirelessly work in our community to put a dent in food insecurities, teach classes to our community with science-based information, fundraise to support grants, support the growth of garden ecology research, and provide countless hours of garden advice to keep our neighborhoods green and healthy.

I feel lucky to be in this position to keep our chapter strong and productive.

For the next 2 years you will be seeing me working with a new Executive of Board. Together with the Project Chairs, these brave people will provide leadership and focus on the chapter projects.

My priorities are:

- Membership growth
- Passion for food insecurity solutions with Seed to Supper and Grow an Extra Row
- Spring Garden Fair; a community gardening event and revenue builder
- Community education/outreach with Pioneer Garden, Hopkins Demonstration Forest and 10-Minute University™

Our success will only occur if we are all working collaboratively. Together, our brain and brawn are unbelievable. Our chapter is full of highly qualified, knowledgeable and capable Master Gardeners. As we start our new year together, my request to all of you is to get passionate, get involved and get growing!

Priscilla

This Month's Webinars

Presented by 10-Minute University™



- **January 8 at noon:** Fruit Tree Pruning taught by Sherry Sheng.
- **January 15 at noon:** Pruning Solutions for Trees & Shrubs taught by Sherry Sheng
- **January 22 at noon:** Greenhouse Gardening 101 taught by Leah Puhlman.
- **January 29 at noon:** Growing Blueberries by Jane Collier.

*All webinars approved for continuing education credit

[Click here for more information and links to register for each class](#)

Happening in January

- **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. *All are invited to participate.*
- **January 28 - Executive Board Meeting**, Extension Annex, 2:00pm *Meetings are open to anyone wishing to attend.*

2025 Chapter Calendar

- **January 13** – Seed to Supper – A presentation by Nancy Muir and Bill Dixon
- **February 10** - Learn More About the Soils in Your Garden presented by Mykl Nelson *
- **March 15** – ****Saturday**** *Garden Discovery Day*
- **March 10** - Helpful, Hungry Bats! presented by Rick Reynolds *
- **April 14** - Wyatt Williams will talk about the Oak Borer beetle *
- **May 3 & 4** - 41st Spring Garden Fair
- **May 12** – Preparing Your Dahlias for Spring Planting presented by Julie Moore *
- **June 9** - Flower Flies in Portland and Corvallis Urban Gardens presented by Nina Miller *
- **June 16** - Annual chapter nursery tour. Info TBA.
- **July & August** - Enjoy your summer volunteering with our CCMGA projects
- **September 6** ****Saturday**** Chapter Picnic, Milwaukie Center
- **October 18** – ****Saturday**** *Fall into Gardening*
- **October 13** - Matthew Shepard: Mason, Carpenter, Blood, and Sweat: Bees You can Meet in Your Backyard *
- **November 10** - Restoring Healthy Habitats in the Clackamas Watershed presented by Amy Barton *
- **December 8** - Jeremy Ojua of the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde

Dates and events subject to change. To stay in the know check your email for periodic announcements from the chapter email tree and consult the website for the most current information.

**The above listed chapter talks can be counted as one hour of continuing education for recertification*

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