

# Clackamas County Chatter April 2025

Chapter Meeting Monday, April 14, 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.

Wyatt Williams will talk about the Mediterranean Oak Borer beetle\*



Mediterranean oak borer (MOB) is a recent arrival to Oregon and California. Like other ambrosia beetles, it vectors several fungal species, some of which are pathogenic to various oak species in both its home and introduced ranges. In Oregon, MOB was first detected in a trap in 2018, and in 2022, MOB was confirmed in a dying Oregon white oak in Multnomah County. In 2023, over 30 large Oregon white oak trees in the City of Wilsonville were found to be infested. The pest status of MOB is still under evaluation. This presentation will cover the basics on MOB identification and detection, as well as provide an update to current management actions and how the private and public sector can survey and report suspected trees to state authorities.

Click here for more information: [Lecture Series](#)

Wyatt Williams has been with the Forest Health Unit of the Oregon Department of Forestry for 12 years as the agency's Invasive Species Specialist. Wyatt studied the behavioral ecology of Douglas-fir beetle in Idaho for his Master's degree at Boise State University in 2007. He received a PhD in Entomology from Colorado State University in 2012, where he studied evolutionary ecology of invasive plants and insect herbivores. He participates in the annual fixed-wing aerial survey for forest health in Oregon and conducts various ground surveys for invasive forest insects. Wyatt lives in Salem.

*\*Elegible for continuing education credit*

## Chapter Announcements

- **Open Gardens** – Warmer weather will be here before you know it. Nancy Cutler is paving the way for our chapter Open Gardens Forum. She is requesting members to open their gardens for the sheer joy of beauty. When is a good time of year for your open garden? Spring, summer or autumn? Is it big or small? Shady or sunny? Weekends or weeknights – you choose. [Contact Nancy Cutler](#) or see our website for more information. [Open Gardens](#)
  - 🐞 **First Open Garden for 2025** is set for the weekend of April 12 – 13 from 10am to 5pm - Nancy Cutler's garden in Wilsonville. This garden is a "must see" - over the past 27 years, Nancy has added about 14,000 bulbs to the meadow of the park at Merryfield adjacent to her own lovely garden. [Click here for details on the garden and her address.](#)
- **Garden Discovery Day was a Success** - In all there were 42 attendees. Visitors were engaged during talks, mingling in the display area, and networking with Master Gardeners. Soil testing had 106 soil samples, and the clinic table was busy with garden questions as visitors walked in the door. Save the date for Fall into Gardening - October 18 - same time, same venue!
- **Chapter Housekeeping:**
  - 🐞 **Your 2025 Chapter Directories** are still available to pick up. Frank will be at the chapter meetings and other events for your convenience.
  - 🐞 **Joy of Gardening on July 11 & 12:** Early Bird Registration opens in April – check it out: [Joy of Gardening website](#)
  - 🐞 **Help Wanted:** The following committees are in need of help. Please contact Priscilla Robinson with your questions: Treasurer • Back-up Secretary • Audio Visual Tech Assistant • Soil Testing Lead

## Green Glove Award

The March Award went to Sandi Hartley

Sandi has been a chapter member since 2007 and is passionate about Spring Garden Fair. She stays all weekend to where she works the gates, Exhibit Hall, Raffle, and most recently, Plant Check as co-chair. Last summer at Grow an Extra Row she was an instructor for the hands-on workshops for Interns. Lastly, we are thankful to Sandi for providing the leadership, enthusiasm and hard work for our chapter's Garden Discovery Day and Fall into Gardening. Both projects provide outstanding gardening information and services to the home gardener. Sandi, your involvement in our chapter is making a real difference. Thank you for your service to our chapter!



# Spring Garden Fair

This year’s event will be on May 3 & 4, and it is shaping up to be something special! We have many of our reliable vendors signed up, with some exciting new businesses joining their ranks.

*As you know, your help is needed to make our event a success.*

- **Volunteers** are needed for shifts beginning April 30 through May 4 – that’s before, during, and after the Fair. Please consider signing up. And like last year, we are also welcoming family and friends to our volunteer staff. If you know someone that loves plants and people, ask them to join us! (Remember that volunteers get FREE admission to the Fair!) Click here to sign up: [Volunteers Page](#)
- **Raffle** will need donations for the over 800 prizes given out during the fair. Could you look around your homes for things that could be a prize? A pretty vase, pot, garden book or gift you don’t like or need? Re-gifting is OK, but it must be in like new condition. Garden related is preferred but not required.
- Help get the word out! Follow us on Facebook and share our event posts with friends and family > <https://www.facebook.com/SpringGardenFair>.
- Join the conversation on our Facebook Group - Spring Garden Fair > <https://www.facebook.com/groups/SpringGardenFair>.
- You can also find information about our event on our website > [www.springgardenfair.org](http://www.springgardenfair.org).
- We have a shareable, printable link for our postcard that many folks like to email to family and friends > [Just click here](#).
- And more info about our vendors will be posted in April, so pop back over and check it out!

Would you be willing to purchase an item? Plants from a nursery, gloves, hand tools, seeds, plant tags, garden stakes, gift cards? Marianne Kahl will be at the April chapter meeting to make it easy for you to bring your donations.

- **Master Gardener and Vendor breakroom** - Food donations are needed. There will be over 100 vendors in addition to the many volunteers. Think quick snacks like cookies, brownies (uncut), muffins, coffee cakes (store bought or homemade are options). And chips, crackers, fruit, cheeses, salami and/or veggies are also great! We serve from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on both days. Bring your donations to the Louise's Place Vendor/MG Break Room in Horning Hall beginning on Friday, May 2 in the morning until mid-afternoon.

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, April 16, at 7pm at the Extension office Annex. *All chapter members are invited to attend*

AN EVENT BY THE CLACKAMAS COUNTY MASTER GARDENER™ ASSOCIATION

## 2025 Spring Garden Fair



SATURDAY  
May 3  
9 am - 5 pm

&

SUNDAY  
May 4  
9 am - 4 pm

Clackamas County Fairgrounds 694 NE 4<sup>th</sup> Ave in Canby

*41 years of growing for you*

Over 100 Local PNW Vendors

Two Full Days of Shopping

\$7.00 admission & FREE parking



all about the Fair  
{[www.springgardenfair.org](http://www.springgardenfair.org)}

### Come shop everything garden!

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- \* Free Educational Opportunities
- \* 100 Plus Local PNW Nurseries
- \* Shop for Original Garden Art
- \* \$7.00 admission with under 16 free
- \* FREE parking • ATM on site
- \* No pets and No smoking please
- \* [www.springgardenfair.org](http://www.springgardenfair.org)

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*Proceeds benefit Master Gardener™ programs in Clackamas County*





## Note from the Desk of Priscilla Robinson

As a chapter we have recovered from the pandemic shutdown and the post-pandemic slow down. We have resumed in-person Chapter meetings, education forums, community projects and outreach events. I am in awe of the talented volunteer force that operates to make these projects run successfully.

In the past few years many volunteers have stepped forward to fill vacancies for many of our CCMGA projects. We are looking for more volunteers to fill in as leads, assistant leads or co-leads. (Being an assistant is a great way to discover if stepping into a lead position is right for you). With a two deep leadership structure, our chapter will have the foundation to keep us strong. This additional help is especially supportive to relieve stress of just one person running things and also provides opportunities for our leaders' time for travel and family obligations. Do you have talent, passion or interest to be more? Have a courageous discussion with myself or a current program lead. *Thank you for hearing this request and perhaps stepping forward into a leadership role to help keep our chapter robust.*

*The Intern Class of 2025 is an AWESOME Bunch!* Many perennial Master Gardeners were able to meet and greet some of the Class of 2025 at a Volunteer Opportunity Fair sponsored by Extension. The new interns were described as engaged, excited and willing. They are excited to take advantage of the opportunities to learn about our chapter projects.

These one-on-one conversations were very fruitful. Blair Loudat reports that over 25 volunteer slots were filled for Spring Garden Fair in less than two hours. Many of the interns seemed to be taking a big interest in the use of native plants in landscaping. They spent a lot of time hearing about the work at the Native Plant Garden at Hopkins Demonstration Forest, promising to help out. Lastly, food insecurities and vegetable gardening were of interest; many signed up at End of the Oregon Trail and Grow an Extra Row to get information about volunteer opportunities with our chapter.

Let's all keep in mind as these new Master Gardeners start to spread their wings what it was like to be the new kid on the block and welcome them, offer teachable moments and sustain the excitement throughout the summer as they complete their training.

## Photo Gallery



Sherry & Connie



Liz testing soil



### *Garden Discovery Day – March 15, 2025*



Barb E., Kathy, Anna, Anthony, Barb S. smiling for the photographer



Janna & Connie



Priscilla & Justin demo a broad fork

# This Month's Webinars

Presented by 10-Minute University™



- **April 2 at noon:** Houseplants 101 taught by Laura Eyer
- **April 9 at noon:** Resilient Gardens taught by Sherry Sheng and Carole Hardy
- **April 16 at noon:** Solving Pest Problems taught by Cheryl Borden
- **April 23 at noon:** Good Bug, Bad Bug taught by Jane Collier
- **April 30 at noon:** Building a Garden: A Behind-the-Scenes Look taught by Laura Eyer

\*All webinars approved for continuing education credit

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




## April Events

- ❖ **April 14 – [Lecture Series](#):** Wyatt Williams will talk about the Mediterranean Oak Borer Beetle
- ❖ **April 16 – [Spring Garden Fair](#)** meeting 7:00 at the Extension Annex. *All chapter members are welcome.*
- ❖ **April 22 -** Executive Board Meeting, Extension Annex, 2:00pm *Meetings are open to anyone wishing to attend.*

[Click here for the complete 2025 calendar](#) \*subject to change

## Spring Plant Sales of Interest to our Members:



-  **April 4 & 5 - [Hortlandia](#) presented by the Hardy Plant Society of Oregon**
-  **May 3 - [Garden Fest Plant Sale](#) presented by Washington County Master Gardeners**
-  **May 10 - [Incredible Edibles Plant Sale](#) presented by Multnomah County Master Gardener Assoc.**

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