



Clackamas County Chatter May 2025

Chapter Meeting Monday, May 12, 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.

Preparing Your Dahlias for Spring Planting *presented by Julie Moore**



Julie will be teaching how to get your dahlias ready for spring planting, summer maintenance and fall care. Julie Moore is a master gardener in Lincoln County. She has been raising dahlias for over 10 years and is an award-winning dahlia exhibitor. She is also an accredited dahlia judge for the American Dahlia Society. Julie and her team published an OSU publication on growing dahlias that came out last year. It is free and will be available at the meeting.

<https://extension.oregonstate.edu/catalog/pub/fs-95-dahlias-oregon>. Click here for more information: [Lecture Series](#)

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Chapter Announcements

- **Sara Hite Rose Garden Rose Pruning** Thursday, May 8, 9am to noon – Come chat, prune, weed and tend the roses with Harry Landers and other gardeners. Please bring your pruners, heavy duty gloves, a bucket, small rake, sun protection and personal water bottle. We plan to have coffee and treats for our eager volunteers. **Passion Project Opportunity (sorry no hours)* Check out their website for more information and location - <https://ncprd.com/parks/sara-hite-memorial-rose-garden>
- **Joy of Gardening:** July 11 & 12 Registration is now open < *Early bird registration runs through June 15* > just \$80/ two days! The event will be located at the OSU Alumni Center in Corvallis. [Joy of Gardening website](#)
- **Open Gardens** – Oak Grove Garden Club, a recipient of a Community Grant in 2024 will open [Risley Landing Gardens](#) on July 27 from 1-4. Watch your email for more details as the time approaches [Contact Nancy Cutler](#) and see our website for more information about this fun chapter activity > [Open Gardens](#)
- **International Master Gardener Conference:** August 25-28, 2025.
 - 🐞 Location: Online – join from anywhere in the world!
 - 🐞 Early Bird Registration Rate: \$185 Register here: <https://www.imgc2025.com/registration/>
 - 🐞 <https://www.imgc2025.com/> for more information.
- **Kris LaMar honored**- One of our own was recognized at OSU Extension Service's annual employee conference in 2024. Click link for complete article in the Metro newsletter (& scroll down) <https://blogs.oregonstate.edu/mgmetro/category/newsletter/> *Congrats Kris, on all the you have accomplished as a Master Gardener!*
- **Chapter Housekeeping:**
 - 🐞 Donate Your Extra Produce: Food Banks have lost funding. Please consider donating excess produce to your local food pantry * OR * bring your excess produce including veggies and herbs to the Grow an Extra Row Garden @ Clackamas Community College by 10 am on Tuesdays and Fridays and we will transport them along with the GAER donations. Contact Kathy Krentz with any questions kkwch@comcast.net
 - 🐞 Your 2025 Chapter Directories are still available to pick up. Frank will be at the chapter meetings and other events for your convenience.
 - 🐞 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 April Award went to Tina Mori

Our chapter recognizes Tina Mori's time and effort in many of our chapter projects. As a newer Master Gardener we appreciate her "Can Do" attitude. Tina states "I have found my tribe! Having time to work with friends for a common cause is just amazing. I love getting my hands in the dirt on projects that mean something. Getting involved with the Spring Garden Fair, Pioneer Garden and the Hopkins Demonstration Forest has cultivated a multitude of friendships". Tina, we look forward to seeing you at future chapter projects!



Spring Garden Fair

May 3 & 4 is just around the corner!

- Thank you to all that have signed up to volunteer. If you missed the chance to sign up, head over the [Volunteers Page](#) now. 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!
- **Raffle** will need donations for the over 800 prizes given out during the fair. You can drop off your donations in the morning before the gates open, or during fair setup the week before the fair.
- **Master Gardener and Vendor breakroom** - Food donations are needed. 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.
- **Help get the word out!** Follow us on Facebook and share our event posts with friends and family > <https://www.facebook.com/SpringGardenFair>.
- If you are not able to volunteer, make the time to come out and shop - we look forward to seeing you!



Silent Auction



Raffle



Kids Corner



Wagon in the Food Court



Potting Station



Plant Check

Clackamas Master Gardeners Nursery Tour and Social Event

- **Date:** June 16, 2025
- **Time:** 5:00pm - 7:00pm
- **Location:** Hydrangeas Plus
6543 S. Zimmerman Rd.
Aurora 97002



We are excited to invite you to a fun-filled evening at Hydrangeas Plus! We will explore the stunning display garden, featuring over a hundred varieties of hydrangeas that will take your breath away. <https://hydrangeasplus.com/>

This is a wonderful opportunity for Master Gardeners to connect, share experiences, purchase hydrangeas, and enjoy some delicious food and refreshing drinks in a beautiful garden setting. Dont miss this chance to immerse yourself in the beauty of hydrangeas and mingle with fellow gardening enthusiasts!

An official invitation will be sent out in the first part of June for your RSVP. For more information, please contact Wendy Wilson wendydlwilson@gmail.com

We look forward to seeing you there!

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Our OMGA 2025 Joy of Gardening Conference registration is now open! Joy of Gardening Conference, July 11-12 at the OSU Alumni Center in Corvallis.

Treat yourself this summer to a 2-day educational event at this year’s event. Dr. Leslie Madsen, OSU Master Gardener™ Statewide Program Manager, will deliver opening remarks on Friday July 11 at 9 AM: The Master Gardener Program 2025 and Beyond!

Next, we are lucky to have two fantastic Keynote speakers lined up: Saturday, July 12 at 9 AM features: Garden Future: Dr. Brooke Edmunds and LeAnn Locher.

Many of us see firsthand the impact of extreme weather events and climate change in our gardens. To help Oregon’s gardeners, the OSU Master Gardener Program has launched a new statewide climate resilience education and outreach project called Garden Future. Learn about the resources available to support Master Gardener volunteers to lead this project.

The Joy of Gardening Conference has something for everyone. Over 30 instructors are scheduled to speak on a variety of topics from Drought Tolerant Landscaping and Houseplants to Home Orchards and Lilies.

NEW this year: OMGA is offering sessions to help Master Gardener Associations welcome new members, obtain grants and sponsors, improve websites and social media outreach, employ best practices for Demonstration Gardens, promote Seed to Supper Programs, and improve leadership skills.

For Fun, there will be a Garden Trivia Live with prizes! Join in the fun and test your garden knowledge.

****Master Gardeners can earn recertification credits for all classes.**

To register visit our website:
<https://omga.org/joy-of-gardening-2025/>



Note from the Desk of Priscilla Robinson

Wishing everyone happy planting with the warming spring weather! The garden planning and plant propagation are surely paying off as flowers and vegetables make their way into the ground and containers.

Remember to carve out time this summer to volunteer for the many Clackamas County projects. Show up to make a difference in our community.

No need to register to volunteer for [Grow an Extra Row](#), [Hopkins Native Plant Garden](#) or the [Pioneer Garden](#). Check out the project links for details. Questions can go directly to the project leads for information.

Happy Gardening!
Priscilla

This Month's Webinars

Presented by 10-Minute University™



- **May 7 at noon:** Debunking Gardening Myths Presented by Jane Collier
- **May 14 at noon:** Boost Biodiversity in Your Garden with Insect-Friendly Habitat* presented by Amy Campion

*All webinars approved for continuing education credit

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

This Month: May

- ❖ **May 3 & 4 – 41st Spring Garden Fair in Canby**
- ❖ **May 12 – *Lecture Series*:** Wyatt Williams will talk about the Mediterranean Oak Borer Beetle
- ❖ **May 21 – *Spring Garden Fair*** meeting 7:00 at the Extension Annex. *All chapter members are welcome.*
- ❖ **May 27 - 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:

- 🐞 **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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