

Clackamas County Chatter October 2025



Chapter Meeting Monday, October 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.

Matthew Shepard: Mason, Carpenter, Blood, and Sweat: Bees You can Meet in Your Backyard *



A suburban garden may be visited by 30 or 40 different species of bees. Some may look like the stereotypical image of a bee—yellow-and-black and hairy—but most do not: metallic green, midnight blue, orange, red. Join Matthew Shepherd for an introduction to the diversity of our local bees, how to recognize them, their natural history, and more. This event will include time for a discussion, so if you have questions about bees, bring them along!

Matthew Shepherd has spent thirty-five years working with people from diverse communities to create better places for wildlife. He works for the Xerces Society for Invertebrate Conservation and over the last two decades has helped build pollinator conservation from an obscure issue to a topic of dinner-table conversation and wide engagement. Matthew is author or coauthor of numerous articles and other publications, including *Attracting Native Pollinators* (Storey Publishing, 2011) and *Gardening for Butterflies* (Timber Press, 2016).

Chapter Announcements

- **Fall into Gardening - October 18th , 9-noon:** Led by experts, this event provides valuable, research-based gardening insights and is free to all. Master Gardeners can earn recertification hours and learn while helping out, so come join us and learn while you earn! To volunteer please contact Sandi Hartley by email: shartley450@cs.com Webpage: [Fall into Gardening](#)
- **Garden Future:** Calling all Master Gardener volunteers seeking a meaningful way to engage with your local community on creating resilient gardens in a changing climate. The statewide initiative “Garden Future” is designed for you to use, and for you to customize for your community and needs. We have new resources for you. [Click here to find out what you can do.](#)

Chapter Housekeeping

- **Recertification Hours** are now being accepted on VRS 24/7. Go online now to log those hours > [OSU Metro MG VRS](#)
- **Stay in the Know!** Be an informed Master Gardener volunteer: Keep up on the latest news and happenings by reading the metro area MG Program emails. Plus, find additional program information by visiting the Metro Master Gardener website—check out the [Volunteer Resources page](#) for a variety of helpful links and resources including CERVIS, VRS, and annual requirements. [Contact Marcia McIntyre](#) at the Clackamas County Extension office with any questions.



Note from the Desk of Priscilla Robinson

Autumn is my favorite season in the garden because it feels like both a reward and a renewal. After the rush of summer's harvest, the cooler air invites slower, more reflective work-in my office and garden. How many of you are planting garlic, dividing perennials, tucking bulbs into the soil, and laying down mulch that will protect and enrich the beds through winter?

Fall is also the time to renew our chapter with operating budgets and filling vacant board positions. We are in need of a Vice President, Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer to serve for the

next year. Serving on our Executive Board is a chance to shape the future of our organization and leave a lasting impact on the community we all care about, and your involvement will inspire others and make a difference far beyond your own garden gate. If you've ever thought about giving back in a deeper way, now is the time—your voice and energy are exactly what we need. Please contact me or any board member with any questions—I look forward to hearing from you.

Priscilla Robinson CCMG President

Chapter Picnic

Flowers, Friends and Fun was the theme for this year's Chapter Picnic. From the sounds of laughter and conversations it sounded like everyone was having a good time. The food provided by our fellow Master Gardeners was delicious, the sing-along original song by Rhonda was a lot of fun, and many of us had fun at the photo booth. Special thanks to all who helped with this fun event. We are already looking forward to next year!



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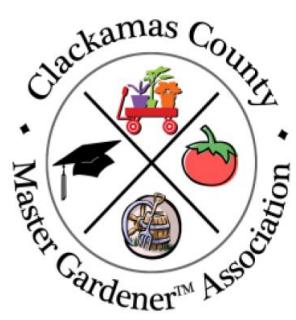
- ❖ **October 13** – *Lecture Series*: Carpenter, Blood, and Sweat: Bees You can Meet in Your Backyard presented by Matthew Shepard
- ❖ **October 15** – *Spring Garden Fair* meeting 7:00 at the Extension Annex. *All chapter members are welcome.*
- ❖ **October 18** – *Fall into Gardening*: Milwaukie Center @ 9:00 am
- ❖ **October 28** - Executive Board Meeting, Extension Annex, 2:00p.m. All are welcome.

[Click here for the complete 2025 calendar](#)

President: Priscilla Robinson • Vice President: Jane Collier • Secretary: Judy Fulton • Treasurer: Paul Baker
Assistant Treasurer: Rhonda Frick-Wright • Advisors: Wendy Wilson, Kelly Welch, Amelia Wilbur • Newsletter: Laura Eyer



Fall into GARDENING



A FREE EDUCATIONAL EVENT PRESENTED BY CLACKAMAS COUNTY MASTER GARDENERS

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18 • 9:00AM TO NOON • DOORS OPEN AT 8:30

Expert Advice for your Garden

- ✓ *Free pH Soil Testing 9:00 – noon* • See webpage below for info on taking your samples. 4 samples per client please.
- ✓ *Let's Talk Plants 8:30 – noon* • Master Gardeners will be on hand and eager to talk all things plants, pests and insects.
- ✓ *Educational Displays* • Three dimensional displays covering seasonal garden subjects.

Featuring 45-Minute Teaching Sessions

9:00 • The Dirt on House Plants and Hanging Baskets - Learn the essentials for keeping plants happy, healthy and productive in your home.

10:00 • Garden-Fresh Foods and the Gut Microbiome - We will reveal the results of a study exploring differences between garden-fresh & store-bought produce.

11:00 • Fall Gardening for Ornamentals – Now is an ideal time to evaluate your garden layout & see if there are any changes you would like to make.

*** Includes a 15-minute Q & A session ***



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Fall into Gardening is a program of the Clackamas County Master Gardener™ Association, offered in collaboration with and in support of the OSU Extension Service Master Gardener™ Program and through the support of the North Clackamas Parks and Recreation District, and the Milwaukie Community Center.

Milwaukie Center 5440 SE Kellogg Creek Drive in Milwaukie
Info @ <https://cmastergardeners.org/fall-into-gardening/>

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