

# The Garden Gate

**Lane County Master Gardeners™** 

February 2007

Our hard-working president reports MG news

# February MG Monthly Seminar

We are looking forward to a terrific speaker at our Tuesday, February 20, Seminar, 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Kris Wetherbee is an internationally published author and naturalist. Come and discover her wildlife approach to garden design. She will have copies of her book, Attracting Birds, Butterflies & Other Winged Creatures to Your Backyard, available for purchase. Bring a friend or two and a treat if you can.



\$12 LCMGA Dues were payable by Jan. 31, 2007. If you see a \$\$ on your label, it means you did not pay your association dues by the February mailing. Please support the your Lane Count Master Gardener Association. The Garden Gate newsletter is funded in part by your dues.



Your Leadership is needed. Vice President Janet Fitzgerald has found it necessary

to resign. The LCMGA is in need of a volunteer to step-up and fill the position.

# President's Message

Wendy Gardner, LCMGA

A big old Gravenstein stands in our backyard, the lone survivor of a small orchard. Neighbors say every fall a table piled with baskets of apples would tempt passersby. Our friend Jose, 85 years old and still spry, used to be the pruner. He can tell us every kind of apple tree there was.

This kind of history makes our yearly agony all the more difficult. What to do about that tree. We've already taken twenty feet off the top. Every winter its dormant self flaunts the summer's sucker growth of five or six feet. The center trunk is hollowed out two feet or more. We are always debating its fate. Should this be the year we forego the endless pruning and just cut it down? Then we notice its beautiful mottled trunk or dig in the freezer for apple pie filling. Soon enough, the abundant blossoms appear, and we are lost.

There is beauty in knowing what went before and in savoring what the present offers us. Our 30th anniversary celebration last year took us back to our roots and let us see how far we have come. As ever, we evolve. We prune, we remove debris, we preserve and we cut down. We plant and we harvest.

This year the Extension Beautification Committee is breaking dormancy, the goal being to amend and replant the once lovely front gardens. Planning starts in February.

Do creepy crawlies fascinate you? We could complete our demonstration trays at last! Contact Wendy Stoner, Insect Chair, ceres4bws@earthlink.net or 935-8925.

The Plant Sale is expanding its offerings, including 20 minute garden talks under the big top, your chance to teach. A Streamside



Gardening class is being offered in May. Nearby Nature enthusiastically welcomes MG volunteers.

Historian Ellen Lacey is determined to ensure that what the present offers is preserved for our future pleasure. Do you take digital photos? Please take your camera along while fulfilling volunteer hours. Send your photographic gems to ellenlacey43@yahoo.com

We flower generously, and yet governments are debating our fate. Is this the year funding is so abysmal that the Extension's many programs are "cut down?" The LCMGA would likely survive under the auspices of OMGA, but our habitat would be devastated. We are grateful to the MGs who wrote their legislators in January. We'll keep you advised of any further opportunities to influence funding decisions.

# Plant Sale Plans Underway

Joan Ojerio, MG

This year's sale will be held Saturday, April 28, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. We have really turned into a "Spring Garden Fair and Plant Sale." We are expanding the educational component this year and will be using all the parking lot and breezeway. The Compost Specialists will do a demo near their tea trial beds on the east side of the building.

**Sign-up sheets** are posted on the bulletin board in the hallway near the Hotline room. Please find an area where you can help, whether it is an hour or two or a full day. We can only be a success with everyone sharing his or her talents.

Many of our plants come from local nursery donations. Down to Earth has already given us \$1500 (retail prices) of plants, that Joan is holding in her garden. **Donations from our members are critical to the success of our sale.** 

February is a good time to dig some of your perennials that need dividing. All plants must be labeled. Instructions are posted on the bulletin board, and potting soil and pots are near the MG shed behind Extension. We have a labeling kit with all needed supplies - 6" white plastic labels, graphite pencils, invasive plant list, and instructions - in the Hotline room that we request you use. Sign your name and phone number on the checkout when you take the supplies to your potting party, then return it to the Hotline room, so the next MG can use it. We recommend one-person do all the labeling to assure all plants are labeled. It is important that all plants are properly labeled before they arrive at the plant sale site on Friday, April 27<sup>th</sup>. We will not have time to label plants on set-up day or sale day!

Joan Ojerio will have a **potting party** on February 16, 1-3 p.m. and another one on March 2, 1-3 p.m. Please, call 343-0534, if you plan to attend. We will be dividing Japanese iris, Siberian iris, hellebores, peonies, Russian

sage and others. We need crews to dig, pot, and label.

We will need **vegetables and annual plants**. We have budgeted \$500 to purchase starts from Log House Plants, same as we did last year, and they were quickly sold. If you like starting plants from seed, please plant some for the sale.

A small group is working on the area of **publicity** that involves media notification through press releases. We need a chairperson, help distributing bookmarks and flyers to area garden clubs, businesses and local media.

Patty Driscoll, is in charge of the **vendors**. If you would like to be a vendor or know of someone who would like to have a booth at our sale, please contact her by email at patty.driscoll@juno.com or 688-0992. Vendors are allowed to sell garden related items, but not live plants.

We need help acquiring donations from businesses, plants as well garden related items.

We will again have a **Silent Auction** and need someone to coordinate this.

We still need coordinators for the Bake Sale, Recycled Garden Art and Tools.

One sign-up sheet asks for **storage space**: greenhouse, indoor (for donated house or tender plants and silent auction items), and outdoor, for potted plants, which can be left outdoors. If you can help with any of the above requests, but you cannot come into the Extension Service office to sign-up or have questions, please contact Joan at josprow@peoplepc.com or 343-0534, or Sue Gabriel, suegabriel@comcast.net or 998-8165. Joan Ojerio, is Chairperson and is being assisted by Sue Gabriel

**Plant Sale Meetings** will be held February 8, Thursday, 1-3 p.m., in the Auditorium, topics Publicity, Donations, Silent Auction, and February 22, 1-3 p.m. in the Auditorium, topics Recycled Garden Art, Potting Parties, and March 8, Thursday, 1-3 p.m. in the Auditorium.

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# LCMGA Board Meeting

January meeting 2007 Carol Prud'homme, Secretary



The new members were welcomed a-Board by new President, Wendy Gardner. In addition to Wendy, the Board consists of Janet Fitzgerald, Vice President (resigned); Carol Prud'homme, Secretary; Scott Sandgathe, Treasurer; Ellen Lacey, Historian; Sandra Horne, OMGA Rep; Lexie Simpson, OMGA Alt. Rep; and Patty Driscoll, Past President.

As MGs, you are always welcome to attend the Board Meetings which occur on the second Monday of every month from 12-2 p.m. at the Extension office with the exception of May and December when we meet on the first Monday, same time, same place.

Ellen would like photos of MG events throughout the year for the scrapbook and displays.

Joan Ojerio, 343-0534, says things are shaping up for the Plant Sale, April 28, but she still needs more volunteers to make it successful.

For the October 6, 2007, Bulb Sale, we need a chairperson. Forty-two MG trainees and 5 transfers have begun their journey. Welcome and support them whenever you have an opportunity.

The current bylaws state that dues must be raised no later than the October Board Meeting. Therefore, the Board supported the membership's desire expressed at the November membership business meeting and raised the dues to \$15 which will become effective January 2008. A \$\$ will be put on the February newsletter mailing label of anyone whose dues have not been paid. Please pay your dues of \$12 for the year 2007.

Streamside Gardening program will be offered as advanced MG training to be taught by Linda McMahan.

Watch your newsletter for dates.

# Committee Reports

## Adaptive Gardening Committee

Ma'Carry Cairo and Charlene Bigelow, Co-Chairs

The Adaptive Gardening Committee has purchased the drip irrigation equipment which we needed to make the demonstration garden totally self-sustaining. Dona Clarke will do the installation in the Spring.

Ellen Lacey is making new signs for the Adaptive Garden so we can make flyers to describe what is growing in each container. Our group has tentatively planned to give talks and demonstrations on adaptive gardening at the spring and fall garden shows at the fairgrounds, the LCMGA plant sale in April, the LCMGA bulb sale in the fall, and several senior centers or retirement facilities. If you know of a group who might benefit from our presentation, please tell them about us or give us their name. Join us February 5 at 10 a.m. in the conference room, if you are interested in any of these activities.

Victoria Thomason and Pat Patterson could still use some help on the Memorial Garden Courtyard as well. Gravel pathways, raised containers for flowers, and a water garden are in the plans at this time.

# Beautification Committee



Our front gardens could easily be a visitor's first impression of OSU Extension and its Master Gardeners. Once tended lovingly and expertly by the group of MGs who planned and planted them, the gardens have lately languished with only cursory attention. The soil is now poor and needs amendment. Some plants are unhealthy and falling prey to voracious pests. There may be plants better suited to the space.

Several enterprising MGs are interested in demonstrating how MGs could plant an area which is attractive, healthy, and easily maintained in our climate. That intention is definitely in keeping with our mission to educate the community. If you would like to participate in the planning and eventual implementation of such a redesign, please come to the meeting of the Extension Beautification Committee to be held on Tuesday, February 6, from 1-3 p.m. in the Extension Conference Room. Feel free to call or e-mail Dale Haynes at daler-

haynes@comcast.net or 343-2193 with questions or com-

It isn't where you came from, it's where you're going that counts. - Ella Fitzgerald 

# Committee Reports (continued)

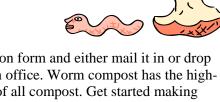
## Compost Committee

Cindy Wise, MG, Compost Specialist Coordinator

The Compost Specialists meet on the following dates from 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.: February 2, March 9, April 6, May 4 and June 1. Bring a friend and a snack to share. Everyone is welcome who is interested in becoming part of the group. The speaker at February's meeting will be Certified Rosarian Teresa Milligan. She will speak about the care and feeding of roses, so come and learn how to grow America's favorite flower.

The 2007 compost demo schedule is now available. You can pick up a copy at the Extension Service or check the OSU/ Lane County Extension Service website for the dates, times and place. These are free to the public and are a great way to learn some of the basics of composting.

The dates for the 2007 worm bin composting classes area also available. If you'd like to learn how to let "worms eat your garbage" for \$25 you get a bin, worms all materials and 1½ hours of great information. Sign up by



filling out a registration form and either mail it in or drop it off at the Extension office. Worm compost has the highest nutritional value of all compost. Get started making some for yourself and see what a great difference it makes in your garden. It is wonderful for seed starting as well.

The 2007 training for the Compost Specialist certificate will be April 4 and April 11 at Extension. Sign up by contacting Cindy by email at cindyawise@comcast.net or call 747-5289 This is a free advanced training for current Master Gardeners and is also open to any member of the public who would like to learn about composting and become an Extension volunteer for \$20.

Tom Bettman has volunteered to head up the mentorship committee for the microscope. If you took the training last spring, the group will meet after the February compost meeting at Extension.

People who claim they don't let little things bother them have never slept in a room with a single mosquito.

## Pruning Committee

Nancy Sorensen, MG

**REMINDER:** All MG Trainees are required to attend two hands on Pruning Classes before the completion of MG training in March.

Already a Pruning Specialist? Your help is needed as a Head Pruner or Helper at Public and Training seminars. Contact Diane Lane at email jdianelane@hotmail.com or 895-4137 to sign up for open spots.

#### Special MGs & Trainees Only, **Hands-on (non-Public) Event:**

Saturday, February 24, 1-3 p.m., GrassRoots Garden, Tree Fruits. Help get the GrassRoots orchard in shape for the

Looking for volunteers to present pruning demonstrations at the Home Shows. Call Diane Lane at 895-4137.

# Oregon Country Fair

Barb Bohn, 513-2736



Volunteers are needed to staff the MG booth at the Oregon country Fair on July 13, 14 and 15 from 11 a.m.-7 p.m. The booth is located in the Community Village along with other non-profit community-based organizations. We share booth space with the Klamath Valley Birding Observatory group and representatives from Community Supported Agriculture.

We offer our usual MG question and answer clinic along with a varied plant and recycled container display.

Anyone interested in the Community Village process is welcome to the monthly meetings. These are held every second Wednesday through May, 7-9 p.m. at St. Mary's Episcopal Church at 13<sup>th</sup> and Pearl.

There is a sign-up sheet on the MG office door. For more information contact Cort Richer at 937-4359, or email Steven Ramey at georgegeorge30@hotmail.com or call 344-1146.

# Committee Reports (cont.)

#### GrassRoots Garden Committee

Merry Bradley, MG



The GrassRoots Garden had a very productive year in 2006. During the past year the Garden grew 44 different varieties of vegetables and fruits. Tomatoes, cabbage, celery, and summer squash provided more than 5,000 lbs of each crop. Other high-volume vegetables included corn, peppers, lettuce, bok choy, chard, carrots, cucumbers, pumpkins, and onions--each produced more than 1,000 lbs. The orchard also had a highly productive year, providing 4,000 lbs of fresh fruit.

Total poundage for 2006 was nearly 53,000 lbs, which compares favorably with the 40,000 lb harvest in 2005. Of this total, FOOD for Lane County received over 39,000 lbs to use in their family dinner sites and/or distribute through a network of more than 100 different service agencies throughout the county. Garden volunteers took home about 13,000 lbs of produce directly. This year, we also saw greater use (especially by garden volunteers) of unusual vegetables such as parsnips, leeks, kohlrabi, celery, chard, kale, and beets. This is largely due to the success of our cooking classes where volunteers are taught to use all varieties of garden produce.

In comparing the harvest for 2006 with the previous year we found several differences: Though we planted half as many tomatoes and spaced them twice as far apart, we harvested over 6,000 lbs of tomatoes compared to 4,000 lbs in 2005. This increase was due to less loss by extensive trimming on the bottom of the plants to keep the previous year's tomato blight in check, while the wider spacing encouraged greater production per plant. We also chose more hybrid (blight resistant and heavy producing) varieties and fewer heirlooms. Due to our overall earlier than usual plantings, in many areas of the Garden, we were able to do

three crop successions throughout the year. This resulted in a sizable increase in the cabbage and lettuce harvests. The increase in lettuce production was also due to the good use of our greenhouse and grow tunnels during cool weather. The fruit orchard produced 4,000 lbs compared to 400 lbs the previous year. Freezing temps in early spring 2006, caused light pear set, though we were fortunate to still have large apple and Asian pear harvests. Our squash harvest also did better this year---early row coverings kept the beetle damage in check. Only celery production was greater in 2005, but this was because we deliberately planted less in 2006.

Our wonderful volunteer base again increased and made a huge difference. In 2006, over 2,800 volunteers contributed approximately 19,000 hours of their time. With such a steady flow of volunteer help, we were able to operate the Garden more efficiently. Of the total number of volunteers, 58% were youth and 42% were adults. Though more volunteers were youth, adults contributed a larger portion of the volunteer hours (10,600 compared to 8,200). Master Gardeners (excluding the garden coordinator) contributed nearly 3,000 hours and often played a key teaching and leadership role to our volunteer base. We are very grateful for the donation of their time and energy. We could not have had such a tremendous year without them!

Winter Garden Hours T-Th-S from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. The GrassRoots Garden is located at 1465 Coburg Rd., across from Safeway, behind St. Thomas Episcopal Church. For more information contact: Merry Bradley at 484-7144 or merrybradley@yahoo.com. Thank you for your caring and support!

### U.S. Department of Agriculture's Pesticide Data Program (PDP) needs volunteers.

We are soliciting people living in agriculture areas with private wells to participate in the study. This is a voluntary program. PDP will cover all the expenses associated with sampling and shipping; we only ask that the occupant or homeowner collect and return the samples to our laboratory. In return, PDP will provide you with a copy of the results of your well water. We would like to collect samples quarterly (4 times per year) for a period of between one and two years. A kit with 3 separate one-liter bottles would be sent to you one week before the



scheduled collection date. You would only need to fill the bottles from your kitchen tap and put them in a box that is provided for you, seal the box and affix the prepaid FedEx label to the outside of the box, then call FedEx to pick it up. All names and address are kept confidential. Data users will see only a site code

(such as, TX 5501) and a county name. PDP is looking for 2-4 wells to sample in your geographic area. Please contact Terry Councell at 703-330-2300, ext. 131 or at terry.councell@usda.gov if you are interested or if you have further questions.

# MGs Between the Rows

## Opportunities:

Dahlia Society would like a speaker on soil preparation on March 1 and watering systems on May 3 at 7:30 p.m. at the Celeste Campbell Senior Center, 3<sup>rd</sup> and High. Contact Karen Thomas at 342-2260.

Come enjoy the early spring bloom at **Hendricks Park.** Beginning March 6, join the Tuesday morning volunteers in the Rhododendron Garden from 9 a.m.- noon, rain or shine. We will start our new year with a walk through the garden. Then continue to learn, weed, prune, plant, and care for the garden. And, don't forget, new MGs can count up to 20 hours of their volunteer time at Hendricks Park toward their time commitment. Wear work clothes. Tools, instruction, coffee and snacks provided. Meet at the Hendricks Park office off the parking lot on Skyline Blvd. Call Karen Goebel for more information at 342-3283 or e-mail goebelkaren@yahoo.com.

Kelly Middle School would help fixing up and designing an overgrown school courtyard from now until the end of the school year. Contact is student Teale Andreason at 461-0587.

Camp Creek Elementary School on Upper Camp Creek Rd. in Springfield is looking for an MG to work with kids creating a garden with them. Contact Becky at 741-2720.

Thursday, March 15. **Nearby Nature** Spring New Volunteer Orientation. Love nature? Enjoy kids? Learn all about leading school nature walks in Alton Baker Park this spring as well as other Nearby Nature volunteer opportunities. No experience needed--free training provided. Meet from 6:30-8 pm at EWEB (500 E. 4th Ave.). Questions or can't make the meeting? Call Nearby Nature at 687-9699, email info@nearbynature.org, or visit the web site http://www.nearbynature.org

Alton Baker Park plant sale and garden clinics, May 12, 2007, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Contact Evelyn Hess 344-8943. Display and clinic help wanted.

#### 1850 Heirloom Pioneer Kitchen Garden

Dorris Ranch Living History Farm in Springfield is looking for a few pioneer volunteers to help establish a heirloom kitchen garden outside our reconstructed 1850 circa log cabin. Help us plant heirloom vegetables, and teach both young and old about the history of some of the first vegetables cultivated in the Willamette Valley. Garden tenders, educators, researchers, green thumbs please call, or email: Scott Dano, Education/Volunteer Coordinator 954-7213, or email scottd@willamalane.org.

Poke Bonnets and Straw Hats Provided! 2007 growing season, 6 week commitment.

## Swap and Shop

We also have badge magnets for sale. All MGs need a good magnifying lens. For only \$10 you can be properly equipped to diagnose insects and diseases. Wall o' Waters<sup>TM</sup> are in stock. Still lots of MG T-shirts. Very

#### **Get Ready for Spring Cleaning**



During the month of February, all Umpqua Bank locations will be collecting used eyeglasses, hearing aids, and cell phones in conjunction with the Lions Club, which has been redistributing eye-

glasses for eons.

The cell phones will be recycled with proceeds going to Lions Mission Cataract day, an annual event that offers free cataract surgery to those who cannot afford this procedure.

## Web site to check out:

http://extension.oregonstate.edu/gardening/enews/

Get Well Soon

To any of our MGs and their families who are under the weather, our very best wishes for a quick recovery. With this weather many have been ill. 

**Pruning Cuttings Wanted** for Twiggery Art Projects for April MG Plant Sale. Donations are requested for:

- Red and yellow twig dogwood
- Willows
- Fruit tree sucker whips
- Filbert up to 1 1/2" diameter
- Grapevine cuttings

Contact JD Cochran, MG at 466-3116.

## Hort Happenings

Juanita Manley, MG

#### **February**

- 1 Eugene Bonsai Society, 7 p.m., 1645 High St., Eugene
- **3** Herbal Oil and Lip Salve Workshop at Mt. Pisgah Arboretum (MPA). Fee. 747-1504 for information
- **3** Pruning tree fruits and blueberries, 10 a.m. noon, U of O Urban Farm.
- **3** Pruning blueberries, grapes and tree fruits, 10 a.m.-noon, 69843 Place Rd., Fall Creek.
- **3** Lichen Walk at MPA with Daphne Stone. Fee. 747-1504 for information
- 3 7 p.m. at the EWEB Training Center 500 East 4th Avenue, Eugene. Refreshments with friends. 7:30 p.m. "Conservation Status of Four Rare Butterflies in Oregon" by Dana Ross, contract entomologist who specializes in locating and conserving rare butterflies and moths. Free and All Welcome
- 5 MG Board Meeting, noon at Extension.
- **8** Community Gardener Series, Home Compost and Compost Tea, 6:30-9 p.m. \$6/person.
- **8** Rhododendron Society, 155 High St., 7:30 p.m. Speaker Harold Greer.
- **13** Eugene Fuchsia, Begonia and Geranium Society, 1645 High St., 7:30 p.m. 935-2482 for info



- **13** Pruning tree fruits and roses, Oakridge Garden Club, meet at 76314 Beech St. Oakridge.
- **14-18** Northwest Flower and Garden Show in Seattle, WA
- **16** Eugene Natural History Society, 7:30 p.m. 100 Wilamette Hall, UO campus. "Some Like it Hot" by Dr. Katherine Cashman, UO geologist.
- **17** Free Compost Workshop, GrassRoots Garden, 10 a.m.-noon.
- **19** Native Plant Society, EWEB Training room, 500 E. 4<sup>th</sup>, 7:30 p.m. "The Exquisite Orchids of Oregon" by Charlene Simpson.
- **20** Eugene Garden Club, 1645 High St., 1 p.m. "Dwarf Conifers & Ferns for a Shade Garden," Mark Bloom.
- 20 MG Seminar at Lane Extension Auditorium, 7 p.m. business, 7:30 p.m. speaker.
- **20** Pruning roses, 10 a.m.-noon, 4110 Hampshire Lane, Eugene. 22
- **22** Community Gardener Series, Landscaping Your Dream Garden, 6:30-9 p.m. \$6/person.
- 22-25 Flower and Garden Show in Portland
- **26** Pruning roses, 1-2:30 p.m. Viking Sal Senior Center, 245 W. 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Junction City.
- 27 Audubon Society, 1645 High St., 7 p.m.

# **Upcoming Events**

#### **Organic Waste to Energy Presentation**

Wed, February 7, 2007 ~ 7 p.m. http://www.ecobuilding.org/events/

Can you imagine producing a clean-burning gas fuel at home for less than \$100 in parts, while you help save the planet? Sustainability expert Warren Weisman will show how anaerobic digestion can produce biogas from human and kitchen waste in a free public talk sponsored by the Northwest Ecobuilding Guild.

Weisman will explain how the pit-type digesters used throughout China and India might be adapted to residential use in the United States, and explore the idea of a "closedloop" building that powers itself from organic wastes while producing safe, usable fertilizer.

Location: McNail-Riley House 601 W 13th Avenue (At Jefferson) Eugene Free parking at the Lane County Fair-grounds across the street

Contact Information: Rudy Berg, tel: 541-683-8963 or email: rudyberg@rio.com

MGs might want to consider taking Master Food Preserver Training this year. FFE/MFP applications are now available. They are on the MFP and home page web sites for download and hard copies are on the front counter. This is "most likely" Nellie Oehler's last class! Now is the time to take the training and be taught by the best.

#### Lane County Home Show: March 8-11

Sign up sheet to staff the booth is on the MG office door.

# Don't Let Your Golden Years be Tarnished: Financial Management for Retired Seniors

Workshop coming up April 17, 24 and May 1, 8, 15 & 22. 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m. \$35/person. Pick up a registration form at the Extension office.

#### Mold Control Workshop

February 6, 6:30-8 p.m., \$10. Registration required. Call or pick up a form at the Extension office.

#### Permaculture with Jude Hobbs

Tuesday, February 6 at Cozmic Pizza, 199 W. 8th, Eugene, 5-7 p.m. Free.

# Meet the Master: Scott Sandgathe

Liz Cratty, MG

Scott Sandgathe, our new LCMGA Treasurer, gardens in a 100' x 100' area of fruits and vegetables at his home on the bank of the McKenzie River. But this is not his first garden. "I've gardened vegetables all my life," he said. "Small gardens. I spent 29 years in the Navy, so I moved around a lot. But I always had a small vegetable plot."

Born in the Mohawk Valley, Scott went to OSU where he met and married Gail, soon to become a Master Gardener herself. They have two children and three and a half grandchildren.

"Gail takes care of the flowers," Scott said. "I worry over the vegetables and fruits." At first, he had a ten foot deer

fence to keep the deer out, but the aesthetics weren't right. Now he has a low-voltage electric fence (low voltage enough that it's not too bad in case he backs into it) that's only about three feet high. But to keep the deer out, he attaches strips of tin foil and smears those with peanut butter. It only takes a couple of times for a deer to get their lips and tongue buzzed before they give the whole area a wide berth.

So the deer problem is fixed, but the slugs remain another problem. He hand picks. "I can't use poison on them," he said. "I'm in enough trouble for shocking the grandkids."



In that beautiful riverfront soil, he grows everbearing raspberries, strawberries, and helps himself to the riverloving wild blackberries. He has two pear trees, three apples and one Damson plum, along with enough Interlaken grapes that last year he harvested about four hundred bunches. He freezes berries and grapes and some pie apples, does a little canning of applesauce and dilly beans, but mostly they just eat fresh fruit and vegetables all season long.

At one point, he decided to invest in an asparagus patch, so he started dozens of little plants in his greenhouse. When they were ready, he decided on the per-

fect spot and began clearing brush and thistles, only to discover an old, neglected asparagus bed. With a little help, it rejuvenated, and he gave all his starts away to friends.

Scott, a PhD Meteorologist, most enjoys working the hotline of all the volunteer work he does for the Master Gardeners. He learns something, helps someone, or hears a good story each time. But don't ask him to give a weather forecast. He takes it as it comes, and only checks it if he absolutely needs to know.

## Calling all lonely, neglected Garden Books...

Any gardening books collecting dust on your bookshelf? Consider donating them for our Spring Plant/Garden Book Sale. All proceeds help fund our Master Gardener program. Please drop garden book donations in the "Book Sale" box located in the Extension's Master Gardener Room, or call Nancy at 382-5938 for large quantity pickup.

## Streamside Gardening Training

Linda McMahan and Brad Withrow-Robinson, from Yamhill County Extension Service, will be teaching the class on Streamside Gardening on Friday, May 18th at the Lane County Extension Auditorium from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. The class will be part lecture and part outside demonstration where they will create a pretend stream out of hoses and flags representing various shrubs and trees.

Participants will be asked to evaluate the class and give them feedback before the final curriculum is released and they will receive a plant. The final target audience is homeowners who have streams or other water bodies quite close to their homes and who are interested in enhancing those areas with appropriate and attractive native plants, increasing the wildlife value of these areas.

The class will be a limit of 20 Lane County Master Gardeners and the class will count as advance training for recertification. To sign up please contact Patty Driscoll by e-mail patty.driscoll@juno.com or sign up sheet will be posted on the MG Hotline office door and you can sign up at the MG Seminars.

# February 2007

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