

# Tillamook County Master Gardener's Association Procedures

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### **Subject: O.S.U. MINI-COLLEGE**

**Purpose:** An annual educational event which takes place in August and arranged by the Oregon Master Gardener Association (OMGA) in conjunction with Oregon State University. Mini-College is held at the O.S.U. campus in Corvallis for Master Gardeners and non Master Gardeners for further education in horticultural and related subjects. At this event the OMGA holds its annual meeting, conducts officer training, presents a “Search for Excellence” program and most importantly, brings Master Gardeners from around the state together for four days of friendship, sharing and camaraderie. A variety of classes are offered as well as garden tours.

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**History:** Elected officers and members of TCMGA are encouraged to attend Mini-College if possible and historically we have great representation. The TCMGA “Master Gardener of the Year”, “Early Bloomer” and “Learning Garden” awardees are awarded full scholarships which cover classes, basic double board and room on campus and the evening events. (See TCMGA Mini-College Scholarship Policy)

OMGA also sponsors a “Send A Friend” scholarship that Chapters can apply for and if our Treasury permits, we offer a scholarship for interested parties. Some people prefer to stay off-campus and there are plenty of accommodations in Corvallis. There are usually two major evening events, the barbecue and the banquet. Other evening events are casual get-togethers, usually with entertainment.

**Task 1** Mini-College sign-up packages from OMGA arrive to all current paid-up members. The sign-up packages will include full information describing the classes offered, the breakdown of events, meals, etc. Timely completion and return is necessary if there are specific classes you wish to attend.

**Task 2** It should be determined if the “Master Gardener of the Year”, “Early Bloomer”, and “Learning Garden” awardees will be able to attend, and if so, the Treasurer will issue checks. If the winners are unable to attend, their scholarships will be handled according to the most recent policy on the subject.

**Task 3** The President may appoint a committee to help collect raffle items, door prize items, and design a chapter display.

**Task 4** The historian should update the chapter scrapbook for display at mini-college.

**Task 5** It has been customary for Mini-College attendees to report on the classes they attended at a designated board or chapter meeting or through articles published in the Thymes. As many class topics as possible should be covered to pass on the knowledge learned. Mini-College attendees are expected to coordinate on topics.