



**Chapter Meeting: Monday, September 12 at 7 p.m. Milwaukie Center, 5440 SE Kellogg Creek Dr., Milwaukie**

**Sex on Six Legs: Gail Langellotto-Rhodaback, OSU Extension Master Gardener Program Coordinator.**



Insects are capable of highly complex courting, mating and parenting behaviors, despite having a collection of neurons in place of a brain. Nuptial gifts, maternal care, male ornaments as honest advertisers of health and fitness, female choice and even traumatic insemination: insect sex is stranger than you could imagine!

Gail earned a B.S. in Biology and M.S. & Ph.D. in Entomology, from the University of Maryland. Since 2007, she has served as the statewide coordinator of the OSU Extension Master Gardener Program. She currently studies garden bees, but used to study spider cannibalism and planthopper sperm, among other topics. Gail is helping to develop a better research-based understanding of how to design and sustainably manage gardens and parks to maximize ecosystem services. Her Extension and Outreach efforts are focused on communicating these and other research-backed management practices to home gardeners, commercial landscapers, and others. *\*MG Education Credit* <http://horticulture.oregonstate.edu/content/gail-langellotto-rhodaback>

*We will also announce the nominations for our 2107 Officers and Executive Board during the September meeting.*

**October Program: Monday, October 10. Northwest Plant Evaluations: Plant Trials & the Results - Neil Bell**

In 2000, Neil Bell began research to identify a palette of shrubs suitable for low-input, un-irrigated landscapes in the Willamette Valley. Since 2000, he has conducted many studies of landscape plants for drought tolerance and cold hardiness, collaborating with Heather Stoven. Studies on Ceanothus, Halimium, Hebe and Grevillea have concluded and results continue to inform the nursery industry and home gardeners in plant selection. Neil is currently evaluating 75 selections of Arctostaphylos (Manzanitas). *\*MG Education Credit* <http://horticulture.oregonstate.edu/content/neil-bell>



**Green Glove Award: Eve Freeman, Class of 2014**

In 2015 Eve joined the Grow an Extra Row Giving and Learning Garden Team, logging in 131 volunteer hours by planning and coordinating activities. She has served at many plant clinics: The Rose Garden, Milwaukie Farmers Market, and on the phones. She has served as a cashier at the Green Market of the Yard Garden & Patio Show, assisted with set-up for the Early Edible Plant Sale, helped assemble Sustainable Gardening MG Handbooks for the 2015 student classes and made phone calls to welcome Clackamas County interns. Thank you Eve for all you do for the Master Gardener program!

### Honoring our Members

The CCMG Awards and Nominations Committee is proud to present the following state and chapter awards and recognition to the membership. These members will be honored at the September chapter meeting. Congratulations to these shining stars!

**Clackamas County Master Gardener of the Year: Dee Linde, class of 2010.**

**CCMG Behind the Scenes: Paul Baker, class of 2008.**

**Spring Garden Fair Behind the Scenes: Will Hughes, class of 2008.**

**Statewide Nominee for Master Gardener of the Year: Jane Collier, class of 1996.**

**Statewide Nominee for Behind the Scenes: Sharon Andrews, class of 2009.**

**Upcoming Programs and Events** *\*see the webpage for complete program info* [www.cmastergardeners.org](http://www.cmastergardeners.org)

- **October 8** - Fall into Gardening
- **October 10** - Plant Trials & the Results: *Neil Bell*
- **November 14** - Missoula Flood: *Dr. Scott Burns*
- **December 12** - Therapeutic Gardens: *Brian Bainnson*