

The next BCMGA Membership Meeting is **Monday, May 18, 2026 at 7:00 p.m.** in the Sunset Room. The door opens at 6:30 and after announcements the presentation will begin shortly after 7:00 p.m.

Location: Sunset Building, 4077 SW Research Way, Corvallis 97333. The Sunset Room is on the east side of the building; other entrances are locked at that time.

Speaker: Alec Kowalewski, OSU Department of Horticulture

Topic: From lawn to an eco-friendly pollinator habitat

Dr. Alec Kowalewski, the OSU Grover Family Endowed Sustainable Urban Landscapes Specialist, will share the results of his research on lawn conversions. To support pollinators, many people have turned to creating eco-friendly spaces around their homes, including replacing their grass lawns with flowering plants. Professor Alec Kowalewski along with his colleagues at OSU studied the challenges, hurdles and rewards of creating a pollinator habitat from a home lawn.

Alec Kowalewski received his undergraduate degree, M.S and PhD from Michigan State University. Topics of study for these degrees include landscape and turfgrass management. After finishing his schooling at MSU, Alec worked as a professor, teaching at Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College in Tifton, Georgia. In 2012, Alec moved from Georgia to Oregon joining the Oregon State University, Department of Horticulture. At OSU he has had extension, research and teaching responsibilities in landscape management. His current role is focused on researching sustainable landscape management practices and preparing undergraduate students for careers in landscape management.

Membership meetings are open to all BCMGA members, including Master Gardeners, trainees, and the public. As always, there will be opportunities to mingle with other Master Gardeners and win raffle prizes. Wear your badge for an extra raffle ticket! As a reminder, each member meeting presentations counts for an hour of continuing education.

If you have any questions about the May monthly meeting, please contact Laura Horsey (laurahorsey@gmail.com).

We hope to see you in person! But if you need to attend remotely, use this Zoom link:

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