

YAMHILL COUNTY MASTER GARDENERS ASSOCIATION

Board Meeting Notes, March 2016

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Yellow highlighting = volunteer help needed here

Meeting called to order at 10:01 a.m. by Pat Fritz. Randy will be absent for approximately next 6 weeks, during which time Pat will preside over meetings. Updates were quickly made to the agenda left for Pat, as it was a month out of date and contained minor errors.

Secretary's Report: Many people had not yet read secretary's notes from February, so could not approve those minutes. Secretary passed around a copy of Feb. notes, which crept partly through room during the course of the meeting. Tom reminded everyone that the Feb. notes are on the website, and have been for a month.

Annual Audit was discussed but not viewed, as no one had a copy of it. Through discussion it was determined that the audit was completed in January and had been distributed to some members. It was agreed that the secretary should receive a copy (in that he is tasked with preserving it) and that a copy should be sent to the *Grapevine* and the member website.

Treasurer's Report by Carol: 20 copies of the report were handed out at the meeting, and e-copies will be sent out. She also reported that we now have 136 people signed up for "Spring into Gardening" and that about 50% of those are Master Gardeners and/or Trainees.

Pat did not have a President Elect report, as she is now acting as the president.

OMGA Rep. Report: **Linda** reported from the OMGA re: the 3-year financial-choice document from Feb. board meeting. She wanted option 3, so Pat made a motion to that effect, and Donn seconded it. Sue Nesbitt explained to us the process involved in choosing the preferred option, which was immensely helpful to all of us. It turns out that: this is a decision on the planning of OMGA, not YCMGA; every county chapter in Oregon will remit the chapter preference; all the results will be collected and tabulated; OMGA will make the final decision in June as to what items to cut from the budget. The committee for this process will consist of Marcia, Linda C., Eileen, and of course Apryl (the OMGA rep).

OSU staff (Heather) reminded everyone that she will be still working part-time until April. She encouraged everyone to come to the potluck/end of courses event next week. However, a notice that attendance is mandatory is in error: it is strictly optional. Also, Kelli will now be able to take checks in payment for aprons (but no cash, please).

Announcements:

- Cathy shared a thank-you note from Yamhill County Soil and Water Conservation District for our members assisting in their sale.
- Darryl Alt, representing the Yamhill County Fair Board, announced that YCMGA annually donates \$400. to the fair, for judging.
- Darryl is seeking volunteers to help on August second with processing intakes for the horticultural segment of the fair. This is when the public will bring in their samples and entries, between 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. Judging from past experience, the majority of help will be needed towards the very end of the day when most people arrive.
- There will be a sign-up book in the MG office for this: 4 to 6 volunteers are needed. Help will also be needed on 8-01 during a 2-hour setup window, and on subsequent days to keep all the plants watered.

Demonstration Garden

Gail said there is some shrub removal needed and other work lined up, all of which is weather-dependent.

Greenhouse

Gail informed us that the crew put in 3900 plugs the precious day, in addition to transplanting a large number of plants. There is a need for temporary greenhouse space in the community for the plants. And yes, you do have to return the plants no matter how lovingly you cared for them! The greenhouse and propagation committees will meet as usual at 9:00 a.m. Tuesday.

Help is still needed, and there is no need to sign up. The work is outside: that should tell you all you need to know about clothing styles. Also, 500 1-gallon pots are needed, but immediately Alan said he will obtain them at no cost from Bailey's Nursery.

Plant Sale Several people are needed to receive, cull, clean and beautify incoming donated plants from individuals. Triage skills would be helpful as life-or-death decisions will be made. To date there are 8 booths at the sale, though numbers won't be final until a few days before the event.

Camellia Festival will be April 9th in Newberg at the Chehalem Cultural Center. People are needed to staff the MG table, with 3 being an adequate number. Sue reminded us that it is VERY LOUD and also a great deal of fun. Bring earplugs.

Educational Outreach Per Pat, store clinics are now operating (beginning February) . All the clinics operate from 10 until 1 p.m., making for a very convenient shift. The meeting this next Tuesday will cover outreach and focus on the demo. garden. However, the group is eager for suggestions. There is also a clinic scheduled now at the Yamhill Valley Heritage Center on Highway 218 during their spring agricultural festival on 4-09, which unfortunately is at the same day and time as the Camelia Festival.

Garden Tours suggestions are solicited by David Christie. People suggested that some tours (such as the Oregon Gardens in Silverton) would be well worth repeating.

Library Beth and committee have recently finished going through and organizing all the 2015 intakes into 2 binders, She suggested that taking some time to review and learn from the old intakes is an excellent way to improve your clinic knowledge and expertise. After 5 years, intakes are shredded. After laying waste to their paper shredder last year, the committee belatedly learned that only names and contact information need be destroyed, promising a less punishing future.

Herbarium Eileen noted that this is a good time to bring in weed samples, as they are needed in all stages (not just in bloom). A Brassicas compendium is desired for the library, but expense could be an issue.

McMinnville Community Gardens The Garden committee is building even more raised beds. [*A volunteer from the McMinnville Garden Club will be the new Childrens' Garden Coordinator. Relevant dates are:*](#)

- March 19—garden is open for business
- May 7th and May14th: plant sales at the Community Garden (approximately 75% vegetable plants, 25% flowers.

McMinnville Farmers' Market is still not staffed. People are needed for all shifts, and an article is needed for the *Grapevine* and for the website. *Even before people volunteer to staff the stall, a chairperson is needed who will coordinate the market activities ask season.*

Newberg Farmers' Market (per Sue) will be in the new location described here last month. It operates from the end of May to the beginning of September, and would be free for our group. However, it is a total commitment or none at all: they do not want random staffing of the booth.

Mentoring per Eileen: Disappointingly, participation by this year's class is much less than it was in 2015. This is not necessarily related to the actual mentoring, since this spring many factors have been influencing the function of YCMGA.

OMGA Mini-College Taking place again at Linfield College, there will be some minor changes. All classes except the "art" or "craft" classes are eligible for recertification credit; Lunch will be served in the school cafeteria this year; registration will open online May 1. A keynote speaker will be Owen Dell, a noted landscape architect. Classes and leadership forum will be on 8/04, 8/05, and 8/06. Help is needed on:

- Coordination of tours
- Registration
 - Dining hall assistance
 - Yamhill County display
 - Loaning of carts/wagons for public (monitored) use
 - Moving and processing of silent auction items

Publicity since "Spring into Gardening" publicity is done, plant sale has begun now in full swing.,

Radio Per Sharon online listeners appear to be increasing in number as word about the show gets out. Ideas are still needed for the programming: that's 4 subjects per week, with the need too come up with plenty of new subjects. Email those ideas!

Spring into Gardening planning was finalized, and the event surpassed expectations dramatically. Classes were expected to have about 20 students each, and ended up with 81+!

Facebook Rita announced that the Facebook site is slowly but steadily adding information, adding links, getting more hits, and inserting little addenda to add interest.

Website is close to becoming one site for all MG functions. Jeff abdicated the key position to Tom, who again pleaded for people to participate at least some. Members need to update their information and become aware of what is on the website. Again, information on activities and events is needed from members.

Seed-to-Supper Program. Four classes have been held, with 2 to go. A presentation will be made to the Willamina Kiwanis Club and Head Start in Willamina will, hopefully, begin a program next year. There was a Food Bank inquiry from Grande Ronde, but it dissipated on its own.

Other business

1. On "Standing financial Policies" the V.P. elect will be authorized to sign checks.
2. Mac Garden Club Tour is on June 28. An MG table will be set up from 9 until 4 p.m. You know what is needed to make the table come alive...
3. On the original "personal interests" forms there was no place for a name, so the forms will be reprinted and relayed to all Master Gardeners. Members are asked to fill out the forms asap; then
4. Desk Captains for the MG office are needed: we have none now.
5. The judging panel at the county fair needs an MG:
6. Interviews will be held 3/29, 3/30, and 3/31 (6 p.m. each day) for Y/C high schoolers. Beth Durr volunteered to do this if Doris cannot.
7. "Grow Alley" committee has been formed, and Cathy will be part of that. It would be nice if someone could write a summary of Grow Alley for the *Grapevine*.

Members in attendance were:

Pat Fritz
Cathy Burdett
Sue Nesbitt
Gail Price
Linda Mason
Tom Canales
Marcia Sherry

Candace VanZanten
Gene Nesbitt
Eileen McBride
Diane Lockwood
Donn Callaham
Nancy Woodworth
Linda Coakley
Stephanie Janik
Carol Park

Deryll Alt
Tonia Beebe
David Christie
Heather Stoven
Sharon Dietrichs
Ruth Roger
Rita Canales

HELP IS NEEDED ON THE PLANNED EXPANSION OF THE GREENHOUSE.

SECRETARY'S OLD NOTES WERE FINALLY ACCEPTED, AND SECONDED BY TOM.
MEETING ADJOURNED BY TEMP. PRESIDENT AT 11:48 A.M.
Donn Callaham, Secretary

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