

**Yamhill County Master Gardener Association**  
**General and Executive Board Meetings**  
**April 9, 2025 – 10 am**

Attendees: Susie Alin, Polly Blum, Susan Burdell, Linda Coakley, Gin Galt, Terry Hart, Cindy Kinnaman, Libby Kupp, Beth LaForce, Mary Ann Nolan, Carolyn Nyquist, Mary Lou Polvi, Alex Prentice, Gail Stolz, Star Thomson, Heather Stoven, Carolyn Gregory

- Call to order – Susan Burdell
- Approval of March Minutes/Secretary's Report – Libby Kupp
  - 1<sup>st</sup> motion Star; 2<sup>nd</sup> motion Cindy; approved
- Treasurer's Report – Star Thomson
  - Typically spend ~\$20,000 before receiving revenue for the plant sale
  - Several trainees approached Star at the volunteer fair with interest in working on the financial side of YCMGA – interest in things that can be done at home
- Report from Heather Stoven, Master Gardener Coordinator
  - Desk sign-ups have been robust; not a lot of intakes yet
  - Multiple trainees are working during the week, so are looking for things to do at home (see treasurer's report)
- Committee Reports
  - Education/Outreach – Carolyn Nyquist
    - Ramping up educational events
      - New: Vigorous Veggies
      - Farmer's markets start in May
      - 6 plant clinics scheduled over the next month
      - Educational events for the public (lectures/workshops) scheduled for the summer
    - Programs:
      - Garden to Table – Beth Laforce, Jennifer Scott
        - 1 class remaining
        - Started with 50 participants; finishing with 47 – lots of enthusiasm
        - Good turnout at the volunteer fair for new volunteers for future program
        - 5 MGs have gone through the process to be drivers (soil delivery)
        - Bob Robershaw coordinating raised beds/delivery
      - Plant Clinics – Susan Burdell, *Donn is onboard and planning the Earth Day CA.*
        - 4/12 – Fuschia Day – Fred Meyer, Newberg
        - 4/19 – Earth Day at Miller's Wood
        - 4/25 – Arbor Day at the Mac Library
        - 4/26 – Planting Date at Wilcos in Mac and Newberg
      - Spring into Gardening – Libby

- Very successful event based on participant evaluations
  - Venue and program/speakers/refreshments/raffle received high marks; lunch got a lukewarm response (mainly cost)
  - Lots of great ideas for future speakers and topics
- McMinnville Farmer's Market – Tom Canales
- Newberg Farmer's Market – Lydia Cook
- Fieldtrips/Tours – Tom Canales
- Sponsor Outreach Committee – Gene Nesbitt & Terry Hart
  - Sponsors behind in sending contributions
  - Committee looking into expanding sponsor list
- Plant Sale – Gin Galt
  - Sign-ups online
  - Prices updated including tally sheets and signage
  - Marilyn looking at colored plant (price) tags to see what we need to order
  - David posting on Facebook – flyer; pictures of plants in greenhouse and Wiser; plant clinic
  - Yard signs will be updated with this year's dates after today's meetings and will be ready to distribute; planning to put signs in sets of 3 (Burma Shave concept)
  - Flyers will be left with Carla for anyone who wants to post them
  - Traffic – Tom ordered more directional signs; have worked out the traffic flow
  - Pavillion layout almost complete
- Perennial Propagation – Mary Ann Nolan & Linda Sellheim
  - Moving, grooming, watering, culling
- Greenhouse – Linda Coakley
  - Mainly watering; plants are tagged
- OMGA Representatives - Cindy Kinnaman and Lydia Cook
  - Joy of Gardening (7/11-12) registration opened this week - \$80 before 6/15, \$100 after, \$60 one-day ticket; one scholarship available; OMGA allowing chapter sales – aprons, tote bags?
    - YCMGA – we have a line item in our budget for up to \$100 reimbursement for two MGs
  - Advocacy link posted on OMGA website – toolkit with links to letters to legislators, speaking to legislators
  - State award nominations deadline is 5/15
- Library – Ken Bunn -*there's a binder in the library to suggest books*
- Awards – Nancy Woodworth – *email from Nancy*
  - Who will handle upcoming award nominations? Need a temporary awards committee chair
  - Committee is Heather, Carla, committee chair, president and president-elect
    - Carla and Heather only involved in writing letters for nominees
    - Carla supplies historical data on MG hours – important for some of the awards
- Hospitality – Gail Stolz

- Busy time
  - Plant sale food sign-ups online – cold foods only
- Sunshine Committee – Susie Alin, Sandy Beaver
  - Nancy Woodworth
  - Stephanie – Susie sent her a card
  - Get well card to Ken Bunn suggested
- Education Gardens – Donn Callaham & Rita Canales
- Community Garden – Dennis Quenneville
  - Fuschia baskets are in the greenhouse for the plant sale
  - Gearing up seeding
- Mentoring Committee – Terry Hart & Rosemary Didear
  - Mentors stepped up with desk training for new MGs
- Insect Committee – Terry Hart & Joan McKibben-Williams
  - Had first meeting, no insects yet
- Scholarship – Terry Hart
  - Haven't heard from school counsellors – sent a reminder because there have been no requests yet
  - Star cut check for \$85 for 4-H (annual donation; in budget)
- Website/Social Media – Lael Whitaker, David Gilbey
- Fairground BOD meeting report – Sue Nesbitt, Mary Ann Nolan
  - Parking – they consider this one of their biggest problems; Portland Kart Association lease a large area and control access to it – considering buying them out
  - May 3-4 – a second event is being held at the Fairgrounds
- Other Committees
- Unfinished Business
- New Business
  - For May meeting – discuss creation of membership coordinator position/committee
    - Break out of treasurer's duties
- Alex moved to adjourn, Star seconded

**Next Meeting: May 14, 10:00 am**