

**Yamhill County Master Gardener Association
General and Executive Board Meetings Agenda
January 8, 2025**

In attendance:

Cynthia Norcross, Mary Lou Polvi, Libby Kupp, Gin Galt, Gene Nesbitt, Tom Canales, Sue Nesbitt, Linda Coakley, Terry Hart, Beth LaForce, Lydia Cook, Gail Stolz, Polly Blum, Dennis Quenneville, Alex Prentice, Carolyn Nyquist, Susan Burdell, Pat Fritz, Heather Stoven, Nancy Woodworth, Susie Alin, Mary Ann Nolan

- Call to order – Susan Burdell
- Introduction of new Board members
 - Dennis Quenneville – president elect
 - Lydia Cook – OMGA alternate
 - Libby Kupp - secretary
 - Star Thomson - treasurer
 - Mary Lou Polvi, Alex Prentice– members at large
- Approval of November Minutes/Secretary's Report – Cynthia Norcross
 - Motion to approve – Dennis, 2nd Alex
- Treasurer's Report – Star Thomson
 - Annual audit – past president, president-elect and one other person; Polly and Alex volunteered
- Report from Heather Stoven, Master Gardener Coordinator
 - Yamhill Historical Museum is undergoing renovations this year – need a new location for graduation/awards ceremony
 - Carla is looking into alternate locations and is looking for suggestions
 - Sue suggested Senior Center
 - Please pick up calendars and stickers
 - 1 open space in 2025 MG class
- Committee Reports
 - Education/Outreach – Carolyn Nyquist & Dennis Q.
 - Completed Sharing Knowledge Workshop in December
 - 4 regular sessions with 9 participant who each made a 15 min presentation
 - 1 follow-up session in January with 6 participants to answer follow-up questions
 - Goal is to come up with a list of presentations for community organizations who are looking for a speaker; in process
 - Ongoing support to participants is available as needed

- Purchased a new PA system (thanks Tom!) – have one corded mike, 2 lapel mikes and 2 headset mikes
- Planning CE events for 2025 – looking for suggested topics
 - One idea is to review topics from the MG training sessions
- Garden to Table – Beth LaForce, Jennifer Scott
 - Starting classes on March 1 – working on curriculum
 - Looking for help
 - Share info from Facebook and Instagram
 - Need additional teachers
 - At the end of the class (mid-April timeframe), each participant who has space receives a raised bed or containers and soil; those without space get space at the Community Garden
 - Volunteers are needed to transport soil to participants; must be cleared through the DMV (2 year renewal); Beth will bring more information and the form required to the next BOD meeting
- Plant Clinics – Susan Burdell
 - 1st clinic in April (Earth Day) – Miller's Woods plant sale
 - Native plant sale is only online this year
- Spring into Gardening – Sue Nesbitt
 - 3/29 at Keck Science Center at Linfield University; \$40 registration fee; lunch across the street at the dining hall (\$17) – must sign-up for lunch when you register online
 - YCMGA will provide coffee and cookies
 - Kinzee will put poster on the website; Lael will post on Instagram and Facebook
 - Registration open 2/1
 - Speakers are all lined up
- McMinnville Farmer's Market – Tom Canales
 - Too soon
- Newberg Farmer's Market – Lydia Cook
- Sheridan Farmer's Market
 - Susan spoke with Gay and she will get dates, etc.
- Fieldtrips/Tours – Tom Canales
 - Sent out messages to a variety of farms, etc.
 - Expect first trip in February or March
 - Some may count towards CE hours
- Sponsor Outreach Committee – Gene Nesbitt & Terry Hart
 - Everything is in place; positive response from all but one

- Anticipate ~\$2000 in cash plus in-kind contributions (about the same as last year)
 - Let Gene and Terry know of any potential sponsors
 - Before any events, sponsor posters need to be printed
- Plant Sale – Gin Galt
 - Meeting at noon
 - Most committee chairs have been selected
 - E-mail went out through Carla about heated greenhouse spaces; e-mail will be re-sent – looking for people to house perennials when seedlings in greenhouse need the space; several people have responded
- Perennial Propagation – Mary Ann Nolan & Linda Sellheim
 - Plants are looking good
 - Did some hardwood cuttings yesterday
 - Put in an order from Soil and Water for native plants
- Greenhouse – Linda Coakley
 - 1/28 prepare greenhouse; probably about 9 am
 - 2/4 start seeding
 - Have some new heat mats
- OMGA Representatives – Cindy Kinneman & Lydia Cook
 - Nancy brought notebooks and other information for Cindy and Lydia
 - She suggested that they meet for a knowledge transfer
- Awards – Nancy Woodworth
 - Updated board with 2024 awards and memorials
- Hospitality – Gail Stolz
 - Nothing
- Sunshine Committee – Susie Alin, Sandy Beaver
 - Nothing new
 - Let Susie know of any needs
- Education Gardens – Donn Callaham & Rita Canales
 - Trimming roses 2/5 or 2/19 (weather dependent)
 - Pruning in the same timeframe
 - Chevrons were taken down yesterday; wood will be ordered today and installed next week
- Community Garden – Dennis Quenneville
 - Bed re-builds are almost complete; ran out of lumber
 - Need to tack down trip hazards between beds
 - Will fill in pathways with sand and cover with landscape cloth
 - Tables set up in greenhouse – seeding onions!

- Web page approved on YCMGA site; will add link to YCMGA when their site is up
- Mentoring Committee – Terry Hart & Rosemary Didear
 - Orientation meeting for mentors on 1/9
- Insect Committee – Terry Hart & Joan McKibben-Williams
 - Still hibernating; start meeting in a couple of months
- Website/Social Media – Lael Whitaker, David Gilbey
 - Consider moving website hosting from Siteground to NIMBL
 - Savings of >\$100 annually
 - NIMBL would host site as well as perform maintenance
 - Current contract with Siteground runs through April
 - NIMBL will take over in May and transfer everything from Siteground
 - Also local
 - Community Garden Page – Dennis Quenneville
 - NIMBL
 - Received a quarterly report from Kinzee
- Fairground BOD meeting report – Sue Nesbitt, Mary Ann Nolan
 - Sue and/or Mary Ann will attend next meeting (1/16)
 - Tom is also going to the meeting to confirm that there will not be a conflict with PKA the weekend of the plant sale – makes parking much easier (can open the 2nd gate); he has an agreement with PKA
- Other Committees
 - Scholarship Committee
 - Heard back from all recipients and Star has sent checks to their respective universities
- Unfinished Business
- New Business
 - Updating of Resource Manual Underway
 - Complete
 - Add Rita to Education Garden list (replace Sue)
 - Update mileage/mile for volunteers

Next Meeting: February 12, 10:00 am