

**Yamhill County Master Gardener Association  
General and Executive Board Meetings  
March 12, 2025 – 10 am**

Attendees: Susie Alin, Kenn Bunn, Susan Burdell, Rita Canales, Tom Canales, Linda Coakley, Lydia Cook, Gin Galt, Terry Hart, Cindy Kinnaman, Libby Kupp, Beth LaForce, Gene Nesbitt, Mary Ann Nolan, Carolyn Nyquist, Mary Lou Polvi, Alex Prentice, Dennis Quenneville, Gail Stolz, Star Thomson, Heather Stoven, Norman Jean Williams, Dee Kopczynski

- Call to order – Susan Burdell
  - Motion to open meeting – Linda Coakley; Seconded by Alex Prentice;
- Approval of February Minutes/Secretary's Report – Libby Kupp
  - Motion to approve – Star Thomson; Seconded by Alex Prentice
- Treasurer's Report – Star Thomson
  - Income over the last month – dues and SIG
  - Expenses – SIG, plant sale, Garden to Table
  - OMGA treasurer contact –
    - received correct form and address for sending dues report (due by 3/31)
    - Annual report not due; this is an OMGA responsibility
  - IRS 990 return – for gross receipts <\$50,000, the return consists of a post card
    - In 2024 we earned ~\$53,000; YCMGA member (Emily) is a CPA and advised that the limit is an average over 3 years – can still file post card return;
    - Emily will handle returns if we need to file a longer form
- Report from Heather Stoven, Master Gardener Coordinator
  - New 4H support staff – Julie
  - Lots of intakes
  - Will be sending calendars to trainees next week for training/working at the desk starting in April; this will affect regular schedule so that trainees can work with their mentors in
  - Carla and Heather will create a Farmer's Market how-to video (April)
  - YCMGA calendars may not be printed this year (many people didn't pick them up and mailing was costly and the whole process is time-consuming for Carla) – looking for input on this idea
  - Committee chairs should check in with Carla RE volunteer fair at class 3/20
    - Bring poster for your committee by Wednesday 3/19
    - Trainees bringing food for pot luck
    - Gail will send out an e-mail to those who should be participating
  - Leslie Madsen – new statewide coordinator of OMGA
    - Growing and belonging credit – can create our own events
      - 9/30 – native harvesting event (Grand Ronde)
    - Working with youth – must go through criminal history check every 2 years
      - Not necessary for plant clinics (any event where parents are with their children)
      - For working at schools; teaching at a high school (schools also have their own checks/forms)

- Heather needs information about the event 1 month in advance (this occurs after completing the criminal history check)
  - Need 2 volunteers per event
  - A few SIG posters remain in office
- Committee Reports
  - Education/Outreach – Carolyn Nyquist
    - March meeting on 3/4
    - February CE
      - Rose pruning class with Sue Nesbitt
      - Weed ID session with Heather
    - March CE – SIG
    - Duniway Middle School contact – met with Anna Barsotti
      - They received a \$95k state grant for a school garden at Duniway
      - Would like to pursue mentorship from YCMGA members for students
      - Could reciprocate – e.g., YCMGA might use teaching space (outdoor classroom), students could grow plants for plant sale
      - Developing program now; should come to fruition in the next year
    - Vigorous Veggies workshops – Gene Nesbitt
      - 2 workshop series
        - Workshop 1 – garden planning, seeding and transplanting
        - Workshop 2 – watering, pest management (need an instructor), weed control
      - Dates:
        - 4/26 and 5/10 – Mac – Community Garden
        - 5/16 and 5/31 – Newberg – St. Michael's Community Garden
      - 25 attendees max per workshop
      - \$15/workshop; \$25/both
      - Initially open only to public; MGs can attend if spots are available the last week before each workshop
      - Registration should be open tomorrow
      - Flyers will be ready to distribute on Friday; will also post on social media; Carla has a Friends of MGs e-mail list
      - More focused on demonstrations/discussion/Q&A than formal lectures
      - Cindy K – in charge in Newberg
      - Volunteer opportunities for 3 helpers/assistants per workshop; Tom will help Gene put these on signups.com
      - McMinnville – still looking for a head instructor for seeding and transplanting (2<sup>nd</sup> half of 1<sup>st</sup> workshop)
      - Expect to break even
    - Garden to Table – Beth Laforce, Jennifer Scott
      - Most people found out about program through Facebook or Instagram
      - Started 3/1

- Goal was 60 participants; had 53 participants - 28 in English; 23 in Spanish classes
- Plant Clinics – Susan Burdell
  - Donn and Dennis have already been in contact about the Earth Day clinic at Miller Woods
- Spring into Gardening – Libby Kupp
  - There are 72 people registered to date (5 sponsors, no presenters, 1 trainee)
  - Programs and evaluation forms are nearing completion
  - Susan Burdell made a big push for publicity (e-mail lists to MG members, local garden clubs, former SIG attendees as well as press and social media)
  - Raffle basket collection is going well – still looking for items.
  - Swag bags will be started this weekend (Gail Stolz); some fresh food items will be added at the last minute
- McMinnville Farmer's Market – Tom Canales
  - Starting 5/8
- Newberg Farmer's Market – Lydia Cook
  - No start date yet
- Fieldtrips/Tours – Tom Canales
  - Last weekend – blueberry pruning workshop in Oregon City
  - Garden planning workshop with Eloheh this weekend at 1<sup>st</sup> Baptist Church in McMinnville; \$25 suggested donation
- Sponsor Outreach Committee – Gene Nesbitt & Terry Hart
  - Botten's planning to have a table at SIG; manned
  - Ohana and Durant will also have tables
- Plant Sale – Gin Galt
  - Purchased a number of plants (\$600 for a few thousand plants – none of which are varieties that we grow - at a deep discount) from Bernard's
    - Have been moved and up-potted
    - 20 fuschia baskets – will be stored at the Community Garden greenhouse (need heat and lots of fertilizer)
    - Commercial license in process
- Perennial Propagation – Mary Ann Nolan & Linda Sellheim
  - Working towards plant sale
  - Meeting each Tuesday at 9 am – good turnout
- Greenhouse – Linda Coakley
  - Plug-planting party yesterday
- OMGA Representatives -Cindy Kinnaman and Lydia Cook
  - 1<sup>st</sup> quarterly Zoom meeting last Tuesday; 2.5 h!
  - Dr. Madsen reported on a seed to supper event last month
  - Statewide only 25% of intended audience are participating (food insecure folks)

- 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of OMGA in 2026 – starting to plan
- Advocacy teams went to capitol on 3/5 to advocate for a statewide operating budget
- Advocacy web site coming soon
- New MG cards just came in; OMGA contacted Star to get a count
- Joy of Gardening conference
  - Early bird registration starts in April
  - One scholarship per county
  - Lydia will put raffle basket together for YCMGA (looking for ~\$300 in items) – needs donations
- 5/15 – grant and state award deadlines
- New proposal in the works for a dismissal process for MGs – OSU wants to know OMGA and county feedback
- Susan received an email from OMGA asking YCMGA members to write to legislators encouraging them to approve HB 2408 which supports OSU Extension this budget session.
  - Susan supports sending letter to legislature/representatives RE HB 2408
  - She will sign on behalf of the YCMGA BOD – board voted approval
- There will be a public hearing 3/22 at Mt Hood CC 10-2 in Salem.
- Library – Ken Bunn
  - Little response for feedback on new books to purchase and/or review for Grapevine
  - He is still interested in input
- Awards – Nancy Woodworth
  - Susan read e-mail on her health issues
- Hospitality – Gail Stolz
  - Working on SIG
- Sunshine Committee – Susie Alin, Sandy Beaver
  - All good/stable
- Education Gardens – Donn Callaham & Rita Canales
  - Slowly coming to life
  - Pruned roses; have new beds for annuals
  - Will start regular maintenance during the first week in April
- Community Garden – Dennis Quenneville
  - 6 people on waiting list for Community Garden – they can probably be accommodated (not everyone who reserves a bed ends up using it)
  - May need to transfer YCAP beds to row gardeners
  - Have allocated 3 beds for Garden to Table and 3 for Vigorous Veggies
  - Web page – will have events, other information listed; Tom helped set up
  - Planting going well (Candace)
  - Bed re-build is complete
- Mentoring Committee – Terry Hart & Rosemary Didear

- 2025 trainee class is winding down – 3 classes remain (including a make-up weed ID class)
- Insect Committee – Terry Hart & Joan McKibben-Williams
  - Will start meeting 4/3; sending out info today
  - Meets 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays at 9:30 am
- Scholarship – Terry Hart
  - Schools have been told that scholarships are available; no applications to date
- Website/Social Media – Lael Whitaker, David Gilbey
  - This weekend transferring to a new web hosting service (nimbl) – Tom Canales
  - Might be short term e-mail hiccups this weekend
- Fairground BOD meeting report – Sue Nesbitt, Mary Ann Nolan
  - 2.25 h meeting in-person
  - Women's restroom renovation not yet complete, but can use facilities in pavilion
  - Gary Altman told board that Wiser will collapse in a few years if repairs/maintenance issues aren't addressed; board says there are other priorities
- Other Committees
- Unfinished Business
- Motion to adjourn: Star Thomson; Seconded by Libby Kupp

**Next Meeting: April 9, 10:00 am**