

SUBJECT TO APPROVAL

JOSEPHINE COUNTY OSU MASTER GARDENER BOARD MEETING SEPTEMBER 2, 2014

Judy Anzalone, Candace Bartow*, Wilma Christian*, Al Cook*, Mary Cotton, Byron Coulter, Phil Damewood, Anna Demeduk, Angela DiGregorio, Lorene Elzea, John Etchells, Pat Etchells, John Farias*, Susan Finley, Joan Foley, Gordon Hoefer, Dianne Jackson, Julie Kaszuba*, Jean Kitchen, Jan Knapik, Barbara Larson, Sybil Longinotti*, Cherrie Lynch, Jim McManus, JoAn McManus, Charlie Newsom, Lesley Orr, Lilly Pattee, Peter Pernarelli*, Lori Pernarelli, Karen Pleasant, Jim Porter, Tracey Raggi*, Art Reel*, Ruth Reel*, Terry Ruitter, Hilda Schaefer, Breezy Schallheim, Mark Schallheim, Steve Schoen*, Jeana Schorr, Joan Seward*, Pat Siler, Ida Toro, Ruta Warren, Bob Wilson*, Crystal Wittich, Guy Young*, Karen Zoufal

WELCOME:

President Peter Pernarelli called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m., followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and welcome to everyone in attendance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The minutes of the August 5, 2014, meeting were formally approved as written.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Peter Pernarelli

- Election results for the 2015 Master Gardener Board are as follows:
 - President: John Farias
 - 1st Vice President: Charlie Newsom
 - 2nd Vice President: John Etchells
 - Secretary: Pat Etchells
 - OMGA Rep: Guy Young
 - OMGA Alternate: Candace Bartow

- Peter noted the illnesses of fellow Master Gardeners Sue George and Chuck Mould.

- Peter reported that Master Gardeners had received a letter from OSU requesting monetary support for the 2017 International Master Gardener Conference. Peter will give this to the new board for consideration and he asked John to post this information on the website for reference.

AGENT'S REPORT: Karen Pleasant

- Karen urged all members to consider attending the fall community classes.

- There will be a 2-day class for people interested in teaching Master Gardener classes. The dates are Friday, October 10 from 2-4 p.m. and Friday, October 24 from 2-4 p.m.
- Anyone interested in participating in the Seeds to Supper program or in exploring the possibility of developing Community Gardens in Grants Pass is urged to contact Karen. The Seeds to Supper program is a 5-week intensive program, sharing information with low-income families on how to grow food for their own tables.
- Al Cook noted that a few years ago the Community Garden idea was considered, but there was a problem of identifying an available parcel of land that could accommodate a large number of people gathering to work as well as issues with water and security.
- Lilly Pattee commented that school gardens might work for community gardens, as they have access to a water source and are on secure sites. School sites might also encourage involvement of parents and grandparents.

1st VICE PRESIDENT: John Farias

- We had a kick-off meeting on August 20th for the Awards Banquet and will be meeting again on September 9th.
- The Awards Banquet is scheduled for Saturday, October 18th at 5 p.m. The theme is the '60s "Flower People". We will have door prizes and a prize for the best period costume. If anyone is interested in seeking and arranging the prizes, please contact John Farias. He has some members who are willing to help but none want to be the lead person.
- Currently, fifteen students from the 2014 Master Gardener class have completed their 70 volunteer hours. Another twenty-five are close to completing their hours, and there are ten students who may not complete their hours.
- The 2015 planner/recipe book is ready to go to the printer. It will be reviewed once more and hopefully will be available for sale at the Awards Banquet.

2nd VICE PRESIDENT: John Farias for Carolyn Farias

- Some 40 members attended the Chili Cook-off on August 23rd at Ida Toro's home. Ten chili dishes were entered into competition, with Susan Finley's entry winning first place and Bob Wilson's winning second.
- Some additional social events are being considered with the hope of encouraging greater participation by the membership: bingo in November, a Christmas party in December and a Soup Cook-off in February.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Joan Seward

A condolence card was sent to Sarah Madjdi on the death of her mother.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Julie Kaszuba

- As of August 29th, there was \$20,593 in the checking account.

- The incoming and the outgoing boards will attend the budget committee meeting on October 2nd. Also encouraged to attend will be members involved in “big-ticket” items like Seeds of Spring and Spring Garden Fair.
- Mary Cotton and Susan Finley will be the cashiers for the Fall Perennial sale in Julie’s absence.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Seeds of Spring: Terry Ruitter

- A second meeting to develop 2015 Seeds of Spring will be held September 9th at the OSU Extension Auditorium at 9:30 a.m. All are welcome and encouraged to bring ideas for classes and instructors.

Greenhouse: Tracey Raggi

- A kick-off meeting will be held September 12 at 10:30 a.m. to develop the seed-planting schedule, what to plant, and to line up mentors.

Perennials: Jean Kitchen

- The date for the Fall Perennial Sale is Saturday, September 13 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Jean is requesting volunteers to help during the sale.
- The perennials crew will be working on Tuesdays from 9 to 11 a.m. through October.

Spring Garden Fair:

- Peter noted the need to determine the location of the 2015 Spring Garden Fair. If we are to consider returning to the Fairgrounds arrangements need to be made with them. If we remain at the OSU Extension site, we have tentatively reserved the Auditorium for April 23rd through the 26th.

OMGA: Candace Bartow

- No report

Plant Clinic: Wilma Christian

- The 2014 trainees are doing very well in the Plant Clinic and are trying to complete their hours.
- A lot of insects are coming in; Wilma hopes to get to cataloging the backlog during the winter.

K-12: Lilly Pattee

- Many Fair entries were entered from Parkside School under the leadership of Mo Kelly, Fruitdale School under the leadership of Debi Ashton and Highland School under the leadership of Diane Smith. Many of the entries won ribbons at the Fair. Mo Kelly suggested having a school garden challenge next year at the Fair.
- There will be a K-12 meeting scheduled soon to reorganize the program.

Young Master Gardeners: Ruta Warren

- The first YMG program for this school year will be on September 17th in Grants Pass. The topic will be water conservation and plant usage. The Illinois Valley Library will have classes starting in October on the first Friday of the month.
- The program is initiating a “Just Because” segment for topics that are simply fun or interesting. Examples: tortoises, and carnivorous plants.
- Friends of the Library “earned book program” will continue to give a garden-related book to students who attend the YMG program three times. This will be expanded to include plants that students are growing with appropriate information about the plant and its care.
- The Middle School program has been delayed until early next year.

Newsletter: Ruth Reel

- Ruth encouraged members to continue to submit articles.
- Karen Pleasant asked that members keep sharing their “stories from the field”.

Publicity: Art Reel

- Advertising for the Fall Perennial sale continues, along with ads for the Tuesday sales. A display ad will come out in the Courier on the Thursday before the Fall sale.
- Master Gardener-related articles will soon appear in the Courier.
- Edith Decker from the Courier has been invited to attend to the Awards Banquet to obtain information for an article.

Special Projects: Sybil Longinotti

- Paint Your Heart Out will take place on September 13th. Master Gardeners will prep properties on September 5th. Volunteers will meet at the Growers’ Market parking lot at 10 a.m. on Friday.

Communications: Steve Schoen

- Emails for membership-wide distribution should be sent to Steve first.

Social: Bob Wilson

- No report.

Historian: Skeeter Guardione

- Not present

Webmaster: John Farias

- John’s personal email was hacked and an email was sent to some 300 members.

Josephine County Fair Coordinator: Charlie Newsom

- Charlie thanked the 70 or so members who participated in the County Fair, whether submitting entries, setting up, or tearing down. He offered special thanks to Ida Toro and Pam Zaklan for their vision in decorating the building. Many compliments were received from members of the community.
- Master Gardeners donated \$1,000 in premiums to winners of Fair competitions.
- Charlie offered special thanks to contributors of money and materials for premiums such as gift certificates and garden supplies. In addition to the Master Gardener Association contributors included Alyce and Bill Evert, Grange Co-op, David James, Green Leaf Industries, Anonymous, South 40 Farms, Fort Vannoy Farms, Redwood Nursery, and Gary Peterson.
- Peter suggested placing an ad in the Courier thanking the contributors. Charlie will work with Art Reel to make this happen.
- Ellen Reynolds, a friend of Charlie's from Phoenix, AZ, was very helpful with the Master Gardener effort at the Fair. A thank you will be sent to her.

Growers' Market: Peter and Lori Pernarelli

- The Master Gardeners will continue their presence at the Growers' Market through the end of September.
- Pam and Dan Zaklan have volunteered to be the Senior leaders for the last two Saturdays in September.

Garden Club: Cherrie Lynch

- The next meeting will be Wednesday, September 3 at 11:45 a.m. at the Fruitdale Grange. The program will be on Japanese Maples and will be presented by a representative of Applegate Nursery.

OTHER BUSINESS:

- Jean Kitchen suggested putting in a raised bed on the untended patch of ground in front of the Extension office.
- Suggestions were made to have students staffing the greenhouse or the perennials tend the plot when there's little to do in the greenhouse; giving students needing volunteer hours a chance to work on the plot; assigning 2015 students to tend this on a rotating basis, just as tables are assigned days to bring snacks.
- A notice could be put in the newsletter notifying members and students of the volunteer opportunity.
- Peter said several attempts have been made to resurrect the irrigation system. Perhaps the unit could be taken to Ewing for analysis.
- Al Cook noted that the system hasn't worked in a number of years; part of the problem is that different people with different approaches have worked on the system.
- Peter will schedule a clean up day for the Extension area before the Fall Perennial Sale.

NEXT MEETING: October 7, 2014, at 9:30 a.m.

ADJOURN: 10:40 a.m.

- voting member

Minutes submitted by Secretary Joan Seward
Subject to approval by the Board of Directors