

## **SUBJECT TO APPROVAL**

### **JOSEPHINE COUNTY OSU MASTER GARDENER GENERAL MEETING DECEMBER 2, 2014**

Judy Anzalone, Michael Anzalone, Wanda Babcock, Pat Barger, Wilma Christian\*, Al Cook\*, David Coon, Byron Coulter, Linda Dean, Anna Demeduk, Angela DiGregorio, Deb Dunham\*, John Etchells, Pat Etchells, John Farias\*, Carolyn Farias\*, Susan Finley, Joan Foley, Barb Franklin, Linda Friebus, Craig Ingram\*, Pattye Ingram, Dianne Jackson, Julie Kaszuba\*, Jean Kitchen, Barbara Larson, Sybil Longinotti\*, Cherrie Lynch, Judi Maxwell, Carolyn McCord, Jim McManus, JoAn McManus, Charlie Newsom, Lesley Orr, Lilly Pattee, Peter Pernarelli\*, Lori Pernarelli, Karen Pleasant, Tracey Raggi\*, Art Reel\*, Ruth Reel\*, Terry Ruitter, Joan Seward\*, Pat Siler, Diane R. Smith, Hank Smith, Sandra Stephens, Bob Wilson\*, 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 November 4, 2014 meeting were formally approved as written.

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Peter Pernarelli

- Peter thanked the 2014 board members for their service to the organization, with special thanks to “behind-the-scenes mentors” who helped him in his role as President. He then introduced the 2015 board and thanked them for their involvement with Josephine County Master Gardeners.
- Al Cook, President-Elect of OMGA, reported that planning is coming along well for the 2017 International Master Gardener Conference, which will be held in Portland. He also said there will be a retreat in Corvallis next week to resolve issues in state chapters, specifically reaching out to chapters to help them understand what OMGA can do to work with them. He presented a “Seed to Supper” book to Wilma Christian for reference in the Plant Clinic.
- Peter noted that Fred Meyer has again donated bulbs to Master Gardeners: tulips, hyacinth, crocus and allium. If bulbs are needed for a specific committee, please let Peter know.
- Recertification badges that have not been distributed to members can be picked up in the Extension office.

#### **AGENT’S REPORT:** Karen Pleasant

- Karen thanked the outgoing board members and welcomed the incoming board members.

- Seed to Supper training will be held January 9 from 11 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Contact Sharon Evans at the Extension office to sign up to participate. Seed to Supper is a comprehensive, 5-week beginning gardening course that gives novice, adult gardeners, the tools they need to successfully grow a portion of their own food on a limited budget. Those who go through the training program in Josephine County will become Volunteer Garden Educators, who will teach classes using existing program materials, including a comprehensive student course booklet and a series of engaging PowerPoint presentations.
- Master Gardeners contributed almost 16,000 volunteer and education hours in 2014.
- For recertification, members must perform 20 volunteer hours and 10 education hours in 2015.
- Sign up now for evening and Saturday gardening classes for January through April 2015. Among the topics are plant propagation, grape pruning, bees, bonsai, fruit tree pruning, fruit tree grafting, garden tools, roses, berries, butterfly gardening, and sustainable lawn maintenance. Contact the Extension Office to register.

**1<sup>st</sup> VICE PRESIDENT:** John Farias

- Carolyn Farias will serve at 2015 Historian for Master Gardeners, with assistance from Nancy Scheffel.
- Any member still wanting a 2015 planner should contact Charlie Newsom.
- The City will host a party to thank Cliff Bennett for his service to Grants Pass. All Master Gardeners are welcome to attend. The party will be held at Chet's Garden Center on December 20<sup>th</sup> from 3-6 p.m.
- In addition to thanking Al Cook and Peter Pernarelli for their indefatigable service to Master Gardeners, Craig Ingram noted thanks were due to Sandra Stephens and Lori Pernarelli – the women behind the men.

**2<sup>nd</sup> VICE PRESIDENT:** Carolyn Farias

- The Master Gardener Christmas party will be held December 14 at 4 p.m. at the home of John and Pat Etchells. RSVP to John Farias. Those attending are asked to bring a finger food and a gift to exchange. There will also be a contest for the "Ugly Christmas Sweater."

**SECRETARY'S REPORT:** Joan Seward

- A condolence card was sent to Carolyn Farias.
- Special thanks were extended to Lori and Peter Pernarelli for their assistance to the secretary for the past two years: Lori was a reliable back-up secretary, covering some 30 percent of all meetings when the current secretary was out of town or ill – and both Peter and Lori reviewed and amended the minutes for accuracy each month before distribution.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Julie Kaszuba

- Julie requested approval of the 2015 budget, which was presented at the last board meeting. The motion to approve was unanimous.

- 2015 membership dues are due as of January 1, 2015. Dues are \$20.
- There is \$18,099.25 in the checking account.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Special Projects:** Sybil Longinotti  
No report

**Seeds of Spring:** Terry Ruiter

- Forty classes are on the schedule for Seeds of Spring, which will be held on March 7, 2015.
- The mailing packets will be assembled on December 18<sup>th</sup> at 10 a.m. in the Extension Office.

**Greenhouse:** Deborrah Dunham

- The Greenhouse will be placing an order with OBC today. Anyone wanting to add to the order should see her after the meeting.

**Perennials:** Jean Kitchen

- The new perennials program will start on January 13, 2015.

**Spring Garden Fair:** Charlie Newsom

- Charlie urged members to see him for calendars.

**OMGA:** Candace Bartow  
Absent

**Plant Clinic:** Wilma Christian

- A great entomology department is developing in the Plant Clinic.
- The library is always improving, and Wilma urged those leading classes to use the resources in the Plant Clinic library.

**K-12:** Lilly Pattee, Diane R. Smith

- They have been attending classes through the Rogue Valley Farm to School Program and they have received an \$830.00 grant for each school participating in the K-12 Program. Also, by attending classes from March through October, they earned an additional \$400.00 stipend.
- Diane will apply her money to North Middle School to help offset the cost of their new 20 x 20 greenhouse. However, there is a problem. The greenhouse requires a State Structural Engineer's Stamp per city mandate. The city will provide this service for \$1500.00, which is more than the cost of the greenhouse. So, Diane is hoping that someone may know someone in this category that might provide this service for a lesser charge.

- Peter suggested that Diane and Art Reel contact the Courier to see if they might feature an article about this dilemma in the hope that a qualified person might step up to provide this service.

**Young Master Gardeners:** Ruta Warren  
Absent

**Newsletter:** Ruth Reel

- Ruth requested newsletter articles be submitted early so the newsletter can be printed before the Extension Office closes for the holiday. December 17<sup>th</sup> is the deadline.
- All Master Gardeners must turn in the Volunteer Liability Waiver to the Extension Office.
- The next newsletter will include the annual dues form -- \$20 for 2015.

**Publicity:** Art Reel

- Art will call the Daily Courier to arrange for a reporter to contact Diane Smith to see if an article can be written about the engineer's approval costing more than the actual greenhouse at North Middle School.

**Communications:** Steve Schoen

- Steve Schoen reports that some are still having trouble receiving emails. If you or a Master Gardener you know are not receiving your emails, please notify Steve at the email listed in the MG directory.

**Social:** Bob Wilson  
No report

**Historian:** Skeeter Guardione  
Absent

**Webmaster:** John Farias  
No report

**JoCo Fair Coordinator:** Charlie Newsom/Ida Toro  
No report

**Growers' Market:** Peter and Lori Pernarelli  
No report

**Garden Club:** Cherrie Lynch

- The Garden Club will meet for their Christmas potluck luncheon December 3 at noon at the Fruitdale Grange.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Peter Pernarelli

- Peter, unwilling to relinquish the “squeaker” he has used for the past two years to call meetings to order, presented incoming President John Farias with a gavel and his President badge.

**NEXT MEETING:** January 6, 2015 at 9:30 a.m.

**ADJOURN:** 10:10 a.m.

- voting member

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