

Josephine County OSU Master Gardener

Unofficial General Meeting Minutes

August 1, 2017

Judy Anzalone	Candace Bartow*	Barry Burnsidess*	Wilma Christian*
Byron Coulter	John Etchells*	Pat Etchells+	Joan Foley*
Linda Friebus	Pam Geye	Jill Gleysteen	Carol Graper
Gordon Hoefler	Lynne Hon	Barbara Jackson	Barbara Larson
Sybil Longinotti*	Cindy Low*	Cherrie Lynch	Judy Maxwell
Carolyn McCord	Phylis McIntosh*	Jim McManus	Pat Olsen
Lori Pernarelli	Peter Pernarelli*	Evie Perry	Karen Pleasant
Linda Price	Nancy Pyle	Art Reel	Ruth Reel*
Terry Ruiters*	Breezy Schallheim*	Mark Schallheim*	Hank Smith
John Struzik	Diane Wickstrom	Guy Young	Mike Zerwer*

Visitors: OMGA President Seamus Ramirez, OMGA President-elect Sue Nesbitt, OMGA Treasurer Katherine Johnson, Charlie Newsom and Amy Pernarelli

GUESTS

OMGA President Seamus Ramirez, President-elect Sue Nesbitt and Treasurer Katherine Johnson were introduced as our welcomed guests. Sue said that they are traveling to each OMGA chapter to see what we do. She would also like to know what project(s) we would like to work on that we do not have the finances for. OMGA would like to help fund projects that focus on our youth. Sue also said that the OMGA officer terms are one year, so every year all board positions are up for election. She encouraged anyone interested in being on the board or being appointed a committee coordinator, to contact her at sue.nesbitt1231@gmail.com.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Nominations for the Josephine County Master Gardener 2018 Officers and Committee Chairs are now being accepted. The 2018 Master Gardener Board will have one position term out, that of President. Many other opportunities are also available. Please let Terry Ruiters or Cindy Low (jocomg.secretary@gmail.com) know if you are interested. Some positions require you to be certified. Go to JoCoMastergardeners.com, Business, Job Description for more information on each position and if certification is required.
- Michele Gallas, who runs Imagine That Creative Children's Center, would like help designing a new garden at the old Jerome Prairie school. See Terry Ruiters if you are interested.

Master Gardener Coordinator – Karen Pleasant

- 2018 Master Gardener training program curriculum is finished. Class will be 13 weeks, January 11, 2018 – April 5, 2018. The cost is \$150; \$40 for the workbook, \$10 for the badge and \$100 to cover the cost of the speakers. The 2018 class will be limited to 40. Enrollment will open this October.
- 2017 mentors need to encourage their students to finish their required volunteer hours. Four students are already done.
- Community Education class list for September – December 2017 will be available soon.

1st VP report – Mark Schallheim

- The Social Committee met and discussed the Chili Cook-off/Potluck and 2017 class graduation party. Mark needs help transporting tables/chairs and shade canopies from the OSU Extension Office to Robin Little's home where the Cook-off will be held. Contact Mark if you can help.
- The 2017 Graduation party will be October 28, 2017 at the Grants Pass Golf Course. The theme is Fall Festival. There will be a best costume and largest pumpkin contest. Dessert is potluck style and will be provided by the Master Gardeners.

Their next meeting will be August 24, 2017 at 3:30 at the OSU Extension auditorium.

Upcoming social events:

- August 27 – Chili Cook-off/Potluck and tomato tasting. Bring tomatoes grown from plants purchased at our Spring Garden Fair so a decision can be made which varieties to grow next year. Robin Little is hosting. Her address is 420 Donet Lane, Merlin, phone 818-421-2629.
- August 31 – Herb Pharm Tour. The tour is full, but contact Mark if you would like to be on the wait list. You will receive 2 ½ hours of Continuing Education credit.
- September 9 – Master Gardener's Garden Tour and party at Hank's house (potluck/hot dogs, hamburgers) and grape tasting. **Three Master Gardeners had to drop out, so contact Mark if you would like to have your yard included in the tour.**
- October 28 – MG Awards and Graduation Ceremony – Grants Pass Golf Club, 230 Espey Road, Grants Pass. Largest Pumpkin Contest by weight and best costume contest.
- November – Wine lunch, tour or tasting. Place TBD
- December 8 – Holiday Party – Potluck (finger food), ugly sweater contest and gift exchange. Pat and John Etchells will host.

Social events since the last Master Gardener meeting:

- June 14 – Ashland Garden Tour and Vermicomposting - 11 attended
- June 23 – Lavender Festival – 8 attended
- July 25 – Mycorrhizal tour – 21 attended

2nd VP Report – Phylis McIntosh

- There was a discussion about how to use the \$700 scholarship money that was available to the Master Gardeners that attended the International Master Gardener Conference in July 2017. The two choices were return the money to the general fund or divide the money among the Master Gardeners that attended the conference and did not get any other funding. The second option was chosen. If you would like to be reimbursed, fill out a Request for Payment form (in the Plant Clinic) and put it in John Etchells' box. **Due date is August 15, 2017**

Secretary's Report – Cindy Low

- Get well cards were sent to Rachelle Gunderson and Susan Finley, a sympathy card was sent to Laurel De Wolf and a thank you note was sent to Katherine Johnson.
- Cindy also reminded everyone to nominate someone for an office.

Treasurer's Report – John Etchells

- As of July 28, 2017, total assets were \$49,760.46 Total income from July 1 – July 28, 2017 was \$48.50 and expenses were \$183.02.
- When you have bills for payment, please be sure to complete an Authorization for Payment/Reimbursement Form, have it signed by the committee head or officer responsible for the program and submit it in a timely manner. Failure to do so will delay payment of your expenses. Please submit your expenses as they are incurred. Don't save them for the end of the year in order for our bookkeeping to be up-to-date.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

New Projects – Sybil Longinotti and Joan Seward

- No report

Seeds to Supper – Breezy Schallheim

- Fifteen people completed the most recent Seeds to Supper program. The next six week class will be held in Cave Junction beginning in mid-September.

Mentors – Joan Foley

- This program is on summer hiatus. Joan asked for a show of hands of people interested in being a mentor in 2018. She has some who have already volunteered, but needs more. See Joan if you are interested.

Seeds of Spring – Terry Ruiter

- Seeds of Spring will be March 17, 2018.
- The next meeting is August 2, 2017, 10:30 at the Extension auditorium. Please plan to attend and bring any ideas you have to change/improve the program.

Greenhouse Managers – Peter Pernarelli

- Four Master Gardeners have volunteered to manage the Greenhouse next year.
- Soil is for sale - \$9.50/bag
- The greenhouse will be re-covered in September and still needs to be cleaned up.
- Grants Pass Garden Club is hosting the Gold Star Family Day, September 24, 2017 at Riverside Park.

Perennials – Joan Foley

- Perennial Sales have not done well this year because of the weather challenges.
- The next perennial sale is September 16, 2017, 9:00 – 1:00.
- The watering system is working at 95%. There is no longer a need to come in daily to hand water.
- There is a large pot hole behind the Perennial greenhouse that needs to be repaired. Joan was directed to talk to Sue Hunt, who is responsible for the Extension Office and ground maintenance.

Trees – Mark Schallheim

- There is a need to re-pot many trees located behind the greenhouse. The trees have become root-bound and some are dying. Let Mark know if you can help.

Spring Garden Fair – Sybil Longinotti, Mike Zerwer

- Mike is looking for new vendors for next year's sale. There is a conflict because our sale and Jackson County Master Gardener Plant Sale will be the same day, May 5-6, 2018. Vendors will have to choose which to attend.
- Sybil is working on a plan to make our sale more unique to encourage more people to attend.

OMGA State Representative – Candace Bartow

- Candace attended the 2017 International Master Gardeners Conference and has the event pamphlet if anyone is interested to see which topics/tours/classes were offered.

Plant Clinic – Wilma Christian

- It has been quiet at the Plant Clinic.
- A recent Saturday Plant Clinic at the Growers Market had only one senior and one student show up. Please let Wilma or Hank know *in advance* if you cannot work the shift you signed up for. There is a need for Seniors in August. Hank will send out a separate email with the dates.

- There is still one space open for a senior to work the Plant Clinic booth at the Josephine County Fair. Let Wilma know if you are interested.

K-12 Program – Charlotte Hutt

- No report.

Young Master Gardeners – Sayaka Lean/Barry Burnsides

- This program will start again in September and run through May 2018. The morning session is for children ages 5 and under and the afternoon program is for ages 6 and up, including home schooled and after school kids.

Newsletter Editor – Ruth Reel

- Ruth is always looking for articles for the newsletter.

Publicity – Jeana Schorr

- Jeana continues to advertise our events on the radio and in the Courier.

Communications – John Etchells

- Let John know if you have not been receiving emails from Josephine County Master Gardeners so he can update your email information.
- He recently rebuilt his email contact list and all active Master Gardeners should now be receiving emails from him.

IT – Steve Schoen

- No report.

Hospitality – Mark/Breezy Schallheim

- We will host the OMGA meeting November 3-4, 2017. There will be a lot of volunteer opportunities to work this event.
- Let Mark know if you are interested in being on the hospitality team next year.

Historian – Nancy Pyle/Linda Price

- Nancy and Linda have finished up 1999. They thanked Pat Etchells for getting the information on our website.

Webmaster – Pat Etchells/Darcy Heater

- Pat reported that 1998 history is now on our website and she is working on 1999.

County Fair – vacant

- Charlie Newsom gave an overview of the fair and the changes he is making. The theme this year is Hometown Pride, County Wide and will run August 16-19, 2017. There will be new displays and the table arrangements will be different. Green Leaf will have flowers and vegetables on display, there will be two bee displays, one school will participate and the Master Gardeners will have the Plant Clinic booth. Monetary donations are welcome and there will be many volunteer opportunities Monday and Tuesday before the fair and on Sunday for break down and clean up.
- If you have something to enter, be sure to read the rules as there have been some changes made.
- Wilma Christian asked that if you want to work in the Plant Clinic booth, sign up soon so that the correct number of parking and entrance passes will be available.
- There was also a request for small farm equipment donations to be used as decorations.

Growers Market – Hank Smith

- There has been little participation from the 2017 class. Pam Zaklan offered to call each student to remind them of the day they signed up to work.

Garden Club – Cherrie Lynch

- The next meeting is August 2, 2017, 12:00 at the Fruitdale Grange. Joan Giles will give a talk about raising hydrangeas and Nancy Lester will demonstrate how to prepare flowers for arrangements to be displayed at the County Fair.

Rose Society – Mike Zerwer

- There will be an ice cream social Sunday, August 6, 2017, to honor new members. Let Mike know if you would like to join and she will sponsor you.
- The Rose Festival was very successful. There were a lot of vendors, plants and floral arrangements. The Rose Society's next meeting is in September. See Mike for more information.

Old Business

- Demonstration Garden Update – We are waiting for quotes to install the new irrigation system in the Kroll Gardens. All sub-committees are working on their assigned tasks with a deadline of November in mind. Lighting, irrigation and signage are the next tasks. The West Garden of herbs and vegetables will be completed first.

New Business

- Amy Pernarelli, education assistant for 4-H, is starting a Young Master Gardeners Program at Highland Elementary on Wednesdays, 2:30 – 4:30, for 3rd – 5th grade students. This is an eight month program that will start in September. Amy will use the model set up at Texas A&M that has proved to be very successful. The cost has not been determined, but will be in the \$25-\$50 range. There are volunteer opportunities for one day a week to be responsible to teach one chapter of the material or be a substitute.

Volunteers will get volunteer hours credit. Because this is 4-H program, a background check, 2-3 reference letters and attending orientation are required. Amy's desk is in the Insect Working Group's room at the Extension Office. Contact her if you are interested in working on this program.

- Mark Schallheim has good pictures of the bicycles that were on display at the recent IMGCC.
- A suggestion was made to use a microphone at our next meeting so everyone can hear.

Next meeting:

September 5, 2017 at 9:30.

Adjourn: 11:08 a.m.

Minutes submitted by Secretary Cindy Low

Subject to approval by the Board of Directors

*Voting Board Member

+Non-Voting Board Member