

Josephine County OSU Master Gardener

Unofficial General Meeting Minutes

September 5, 2017

Judy Anzalone	Mike Anzalone	Wanda Babcock	Candace Bartow*
Barry Burnside*	Wilma Christian*	David Coon	Byron Coulter
Linda Dean	John Etchells*	Pat Etchells+	Joan Foley*
Pam Geye	Carol Graper	Lynne Hon	Charlotte Hutt
Sybil Longinotti*	Cindy Low*	Cherrie Lynch	Judy Maxwell
Carolyn McCord	Phylis McIntosh*	Pat Olsen	Lori Pernarelli
Peter Pernarelli*	Linda Price	Nancy Pyle	Barbara Reavis
Art Reel	Ruth Reel*	Terry Ruiten*	Breezy Schallheim*
Mark Schallheim*	Jeana Schorr	Diane Smith	Hank Smith
John Struzik	Nan Williamson	Guy Young	Pamela Zaklan
Mike Zerwer*	Karen Zoufal		

Visitors: Amy Pernarelli

The meeting was called to order at 9:30a.m. Terry Ruiten led the Pledge of Allegiance and welcomed everyone in attendance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The revised minutes of the August 2017 meeting were formally accepted.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The Josephine County Master Gardener 2018 officer nominees are:
President – Pamela Zaklan
1st Vice President – Mark Schallheim
2nd Vice President – Phylis McIntosh
Secretary – Cynthia Low
OMGA Representative – Candace Bartow
Alternate OMGA Representative – Charlotte Hutt, Carolyn McCord
- Ballots will be mailed in the next few days. Please return them by mail to:
Nominations Committee – Master Gardener Association
c/o OSU Extension Office
215 Ringuette Street
Grants Pass, OR 97527

You can also bring your ballot in a sealed envelope to the Extension Office Plant Clinic.

- All candidates were introduced and given time to say why they wanted to be elected or to continue in their position another year, as well as a little about themselves.

- Terry advised that the OMGA representatives that attended our August meeting had sent a thank you card with comments of how impressed they were about how many projects we are involved in.
- Wilma Christian has been awarded the OSU Diamond Pioneer Award. This award is given by the College of Agricultural Sciences to honor people whose lifetime contributions to agriculture, natural resources and the people of Oregon and/or Oregon State University have been significant.

Master Gardener Coordinator – Karen Pleasant

- Community Education class list for September – December 2017 is now available.

1st VP report – Mark Schallheim

- The 2017 Graduation/Award Party
 - The party will be October 28, 2017 at the Grants Pass Golf Club. The theme is Fall Festival. There will be a best costume and largest pumpkin contest. Dinner is a buffet. Dessert will be potluck style and will be provided by the Master Gardeners.
 - The decoration sub-committee will hold their next meeting on September 7, 2017 at 2:30 in the Extension Auditorium.
 - Nancy Pyle is collecting garden-related donations for the raffle. Wilma and the MGs will perform. Contact Wilma if you would like to be part of this group.
 - Send Mark pictures of your garden for the slide show.
 - The cost to attend will be: 2017 class – free, Master Gardeners - \$10, guests - \$20. See Sharon Evans to sign up and pay for your tickets. Tickets will be sold until October 13, 2017.
- Chili Cook-off/tomato tasting was at Robin and Ron Little's home. Twenty Master Gardeners attended. Peter Pernarelli's chili was voted the best and he won a bottle of wine. The tomato selected as best was the Arkansas Traveler and the Cherokee Purple came in second.
- The Herb Pharm tour was attended by fifteen Master Gardeners. Everyone agreed it was a very interesting tour.
- The Garden tour scheduled for September 9, 2017 was cancelled because of the poor air quality. This tour will not be rescheduled this year.
- Bingo and a potluck will be held at the end of September or early October.

2nd VP Report – Phylis McIntosh

- No report

Secretary's Report – Cindy Low

- No cards were sent since the last Master Gardener meeting.

Treasurer's Report – John Etchells

- As of August 30, 2017, total assets were \$47,010.74. Total income from August 1 - 30, 2017 was \$48.97 and expenses were \$2,799.08.
- The budget meeting will be October 10, 2017, 10:00a.m. at John's home. John asked the committee chairs to complete their initial 2018 budget sheets and return them to him by the end of September.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

New Projects – Sybil Longinotti and Joan Seward

- No report

Seeds to Supper – Breezy Schallheim

- This program has been cancelled for the remainder of the year due to poor air quality. The program will resume March 2018.

Mentors – Joan Foley

- The 2018 mentors have been selected. Talk to Joan if you would like more information about being a mentor for the 2019 class.

Seeds of Spring – Terry Ruiter

- Seeds of Spring will be March 17, 2018.
- The next meeting is September 27, 2017, 1:00 at the Extension auditorium. Please plan to attend and bring any ideas you have to change/improve the program.

Greenhouse Manager – David Coon, John Etchells, Pat Etchells, Terry Ruiter

- Peter Pernarelli announced that there will be a Greenhouse clean up when it gets cooler and the air quality improves.
- The Grants Pass Garden Club will present the Blue Star Memorial Marker Dedication honoring our Veterans on September 24, 2017.
- Susan Chernay, a former Greenhouse mentor, donated four-packs and seed starting trays to the Master Gardeners
- A thank you note was received from Options Gardens for our plant donations to them, valued at \$286.

Perennials – Joan Foley

- Joan announced that she will retire from this position in 2019. If you are interested in this position, talk to Joan for more information.
- John Panches is reviewing the request to repair the pot holes behind the perennial area. There are also repairs that need to be made in the perennial greenhouse. Repairs also need to be made in the perennial greenhouse.
- The blackberries will be trimmed on September 7, 2017. Meet at 9:00 to help out.

- The next perennial sale is September 16, 2017, 9:00 – 1:00. It is going to be a “Make An Offer” sale.
- Joan refunded \$26 to a customer who bought plants that had been identified as milk weed, but were not.

Trees – Mark Schallheim

- No report.

Spring Garden Fair – Sybil Longinotti, Mike Zerwer

- The layout of the 2018 sale will be very different because the demonstration gardens are taking space previously used for vendors.
- 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 days, 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

- The next Leadership and OMGA Board meetings will be held at the Jackson County extension office, September 13th and 14th
- The November meeting will be held at the Josephine County extension auditorium on November 3rd and 4th. Elections will take place during this meeting. There will be a lot of opportunity to help before, during and after this meeting.

Plant Clinic – Wilma Christian

- Wilma reported that the 2017 class has not upheld their Plant Clinic obligations very well.

Insect Working Group (IWG) – Judy Maxwell

- The insect display was very popular at the County Fair this year.
- To assist the Plant Clinic, Insect Specialists now visit twice a week for a total of four or more hours. They will continue with this program through October.
- Jan Knapic, a butterfly specialist, will speak at the September Garden Club meeting. Her topic is monarch butterflies. Diane Wickstrom will be a future speaker.
- The IWG will be participating in OSU's Oregon Bee Atlas project in southwestern Oregon. This group will visit us September 21st and 22nd. They plan to see our collection, learn about the Insect Specialist Program and to explain our role in the survey. Judy explained that they need groups around the state with knowledge of collection and curating methods and we fill the bill. The goal of the project is to assess the diversity of bee pollinators in the state. The Bee Atlas group will speak at a public lecture on the 21st and will hold a Citizen’s Science all-day class on the 22ⁿ

- The 4-H program pilot project at Highland Elementary School will include a program on entomology.
- Daughters of the American Revolution have a pollinator project and our Insect Working Group will be a speaker at an upcoming meeting.

K-12 Program – Charlotte Hutt

- Charlotte has visited two schools to see what is being done. She plans to visit every school in this program.

Young Master Gardeners – Sayaka Lean/Barry Burnsides

- This program begins September 13, 2017 and will 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. The topic for September is pond creatures and plants.

Newsletter Editor – Ruth Reel

- No report.

Publicity – Jeana Schorr

- Jeana has advertised for the September perennial plant sale on Facebook and on KAJO. She has also posted the event on the Chamber of Commerce, KTVL, KMVU and KDRV community calendar boards. She will also put an ad in the Daily Courier weekend edition the weekend prior to the sale and again the Friday before the sale. An email will also be sent to all Grants Pass Garden Club members.

Communications – John Etchells

- John had a problem sending emails to the Master Gardeners who use Centurylink and Q.com. The problem has been corrected and the emails will be resent.

IT – Steve Schoen

- No report.

Hospitality – Mark/Breezy Schallheim

- Let Mark know if you are interested in being on the hospitality team next year, especially during the Master Gardener class January – April 2018.
- Phylis has terra cotta pots available for FREE! She also knows someone who is dividing their iris and calla lilies. Let Phylis know if you would like some.

Historian – Nancy Pyle/Linda Price

- The 2001 information is now available online and Nancy and Linda have finished 2004 .

Webmaster – Pat Etchells/Darcy Heater

- Pat reported working on getting 2004 history on our website. Also, if you send her photos to be added to our website, please be sure to list the date, location and who is in the picture.

County Fair – vacant

- There were a lot of children's entries this year, but not many from the Master Gardeners. Barry Burnside won 16 blue ribbons and Lori Pernarelli placed first with her tomato entry.
- Terry Ruitter thanked everyone involved for making this year very successful.

Growers Market – Hank Smith

- Hank thanked the Master Gardener seniors for their involvement in the Growers Market this year.

Garden Club – Cherrie Lynch

- The next meeting is September 6, 2017, 11:45 at the Fruitdale Grange. There will be a potluck salad bar. Physical therapist Doranne Long, author of Your Body Book will speak at 12:45 on how to deal with the aches and pains of gardening.

Rose Society – Mike Zerwer

- There will be a picnic on September 24, 2017. Talk to Mike if you are interested in attending.

Old Business

- Demonstration Garden Update – Twenty yards of topsoil will be delivered September 9th at 9:30. The soil was purchased from Southern Oregon Compost, who gave us a 50% discount.
- Irrigation will be installed on September 13th at 8:00a.m. in the Krull Garden
- Twenty yards of gravel will be delivered on September 23rd.

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-\$25 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. You will receive direct volunteer hours.

Next meeting:

October 3, 2017 at 9:30.

Adjourn: 11:16a.m.

Minutes submitted by Secretary Cindy Low

Subject to approval by the Board of Directors

*Voting Board Member

+Non-Voting Board Member