

LOS ALAMOS MASTER GARDENERS
Meeting Minutes taken by Judy Hoffman
From meeting on February 1, 2024, at 7:00 pm

Location: Fuller Lodge, Los Alamos, NM

2024 LAMG Officers. (election of officers was at end of the meeting – this is for people who skim the minutes)

President – Janine Fales

Vice-President – Barbara Mann

Treasurer – Laurie Walker

Co-Secretary – Coleen Meyer

Co-Secretary – Susan Schauer

Reports

Minutes: Minutes for November 4, 2023 were approved.

Extension Agent Report – Angela

1. Angela sent out an email about the Veteran Master Gardener Class.
2. Angela received information about a Junior Master Gardener Class. She plans on taking the class then will inquire about teaching in Los Alamos. Anyone is welcome to join Angela in this venture.
3. Possible pruning workshops in March/April: roses, shrubs, trees. Contact Angela if you would like to work with Angela to set up these workshops. Possible instructor for tree pruning - Chris Michelle.
4. There are eight interns from Los Alamos taking the New Mexico Master Gardener class this year. Need ideas on how to support them (feels like there are two groups LAMG and Interns). They have a zoom Question and Answer session every Thursday from 6:00 pm – 7:30 pm. One idea: set up a meet and greet meeting. Second idea: invite them to a workshop at the Demo Garden.

Treasurer's report – Laurie Walker

1. Laurie is accepting \$25 dues for 2024. Please include any updates to your personal information (phone, email, address).
2. Financial Report was distributed.
3. Budget will come later.
4. The account balance for December 31, 2023 was \$7,763.01. This is February 1st so January statement not available yet.

Garden Reports:

LA Demo Garden - Janine

1. During snow removal, some gardens received solution that the county uses.

WR Community Garden

1. **Judy** FYI: The Time Out Pizza (old McDonalds in White Rock) building has been bought. The owner plans on having several businesses there. No idea when it will be up and running.
2. **Betsy** WR Community Garden is allocated \$150 every year (as soon as budget is approved). Receipts can be submitted anytime during the year to Laurie Walker.

Los Alamos County Science Fair – Coleen Meyer – postponed until March meeting.

2025 Garden Tour – Christine (this item should be on the agenda every month)

1. Handout: Activities for this year, Activities for next Year
2. Planning Committee members: Christine, Vicki, Pallas, Ruth
 - a. Decide criteria for gardens
 - b. Contact garden owners
 - c. Take photos of their 2024 gardens (for advertising in 2025)

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3. Last garden tour was 2018 (while 2020 was planned, due to pandemic it didn't happen)
4. LAMG members should give input for a date and the focus for the gardens to be toured.
 - a. Public tour on a Saturday, Sunday tour for docents and garden owners followed by picnic
 - i. Theme: sustainability landscaping and/or micro climates
 - ii. Time of year: late May or early Fall
 - b. Next year: volunteer as docents, communication committee, etc. (more members to be involved)
5. Anyone can send names of garden owners that you think would be good for this tour – send name to the Planning Committee

2024 NM Master Gardener Conference – Janine (this item should be on the agenda every month)

1. Title: Planting for Our Future
2. Date: Saturday, September 14, 2024
3. Location: Fuller Lodge, Los Alamos
4. Price: Early \$100, after about August 23rd \$120 (open to public, cap at 100 people)
5. Speakers: Two tracks except for the 2 Keynotes
6. Lunch: 1 ½ hours – box lunch \$15 from Co-Op, offering Historical Society tour \$25, time to explore Rose Garden, Demo Garden, and other places in Los Alamos
7. Ideas for topics for speakers – send to Janine
8. All LAMG members should plan to help Sept 14, 2024 (T-shirts or our denim shirts)
9. See Handout with more details

If you need a name tag, let Angela know!

Los Alamos Bee City - KokHeong (this item should be on the agenda every month)

1. See handout for additional information (i.e. Potential Partners, role of team members)
2. Bee City Los Alamos Dream Team: Kristen O'Hara, Cory Styron, Angela Prada, Craig Martin, Jenna Stanek, Dana Ecelberger, Ruth Doyle, KokHeong McNaughton
3. Grant money received - \$100,000.
4. Los Alamos County agreed to not use pesticides on county property (except the Golf Course)
5. Buying native plants from a Native American nursery, will receive plants in May – plants attract pollinators
6. Must report square footage of native plants that attract pollinators each year. Count if you have a new garden
7. Adopt a trail head - plant pollinator plants (must coordinate with LA County)
8. Eradicate invasive species

Nominations

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Motion passed to accept Janine, Barbara, and Susan as new officers and Laurie and Coleen as returning officers

Other Business - Janine

1. Since company coming in September, Janine would like the sensory garden to be more wheelchair accessible.
2. Janine would like a field trip to Denver Botanical Garden

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Community Events

Seed swap Feb 3rd at Unitarian Church 9-noon

Gardening Panel – Feb 17th at Mesa Public Library top floor 11:00 am – 12:30 pm

Next Meeting: March 7, 2024 Place: TBD March program : TBD

April 4, 2024 Meeting – Program: Renee Benard on Cousins of African Violets

Plant sale – June 1, 2024 start your seeds now. KokHeong will send out wish list from last year

Meeting adjourned 8:06 pm

LAMG Attendees: Angela Prada, Carolyn Mangeng, Dena Brent, Laurie Walker, Judy Hoffman, Betsy Comly, Bev Cooper, Ruth Doyle, Janine Fales, Denise George, Christine Hipp, Barbara Mann, KokHeong McNaughton, Susan Schauer, Pallas Papin, Alison Grieggs, James Caruthers, JoAnn Leston, and Bob Walker.