

LOS ALAMOS MASTER GARDENERS
Meeting Minutes taken by Coleen Meyer
From meeting on February 3, 2022 at 7:00 pm

Location: On-line via Zoom

Reports

Minutes: November minutes were approved.

Treasurer Report: Laurie Walker reported the current bank balance is \$7,405.13. Following a brief discussion of the 2022 budget, \$150 was added under Miscellaneous for Life Plaques (for life members). Pallas Papin moved to approve the budget as amended and Bev Cooper seconded. Budget approved. See attached 2021 Annual Statement and 2022 Budget.

Laurie is still collecting 2022 dues. They are \$25 and can be sent directly to her. Her address is 305 Donna Ave., White Rock, NM 87547.

Extension Agent news:

1. Robin Montgomery Kennedy has been hired by NMSU as the Acting Horticulture Agent for Los Alamos County. She will be working about 20 hours/week; initially all day Monday & Wednesday and Friday mornings.
2. There will be a brief Meet & Greet for interns and veteran LAMG members on Monday, Feb. 7th at 7pm with Robin, Desaree Jimenez, Acting Director at the Los Alamos Extension Office, and Angela Prada, Administrative Assistant.

Science Fair: Coleen Meyer, Judy Magelssen, and Dena Brent judged this year's LA County Science & Engineering Fair on-line Jan. 14-17th. Fair officials decided against an in-person fair about 2 weeks before the official date of Jan. 22nd. The science fair usually attracts over 200 projects, but this year only had 66 entries. We sponsored 4 Elementary and 2 Junior awards for a total of \$200. See attached list of awards.

Program: Carolyn Mangeng

Interns in this year's Master Gardener class are not getting information on local gardening conditions as the instructors are all remote from NMSU. About ½ of the students are not from Los Alamos County. They would like to know more about local volunteer activities and what is happening here. Dennis will share her "10 Least Favorite Weeds" presentation. We discussed members picking and presenting their favorite local plant. Summit Garden Club President Judy Magelssen will invite LAMG to their pruning demonstration. Kok-Hoeng volunteered to demonstrate pruning grape vines.

Thank go to interns Ruth Doyle and Jackie Dorhout for attending the meeting, and their ideas to improve the interns' experience.

Demo Garden:

1. Plant Sale – We decided to have a plant sale on June 4, 2022 from 9 am – noon. Volunteers arrive 7:30 am. Shari Foley volunteered to be the coordinator again. (Plant sales and Garden Tours usually alternate years. Although we held a plant sale in 2021, we do not think we will have a Garden Tour this year due to the ongoing pandemic.) If you are interested in contributing plants for the sale, you should start seeds indoors soon. More information will follow in the coming months.
2. Little Valley order – We discussed whether or not there is enough interest in placing a Little Valley order. Laurie Hixson coordinated the last order. Carolyn will ask Laurie if she wants to coordinate this year. If she says 'no' we will need someone to coordinate the effort this spring.

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New Business/Announcements:

The Unitarian Church of Los Alamos will hold a seed swap (Feb. 5th), a Mother's Day plant swap (May 7th), and an Iris swap (September 3rd). Kok-Heong will send information directly to LAMG members before each event. Kok-Heong will also send details about a presentation on Feb. 23 about seed libraries.

Meeting adjourned at ~8:20 pm.

Next LAMG meeting – March 3, 2022: This meeting will be held remotely over Zoom.

LAMG Attendees: Coleen Meyer, Denise George, Carolyn Mangeng, Judy Magelssen, Pallas Papin, Betsy Comly, Nancy Nunnelley, Alison Grieggs, Beverly Cooper, Dena Brent, Doris Thielemann, Kok-Heong McNaughton, Robin Kennedy, Rosemarie Fredrickson, Shari Foley, Vicki Ricketts, and Laurie & Bob Walker, and interns Ruth Doyle and Jackie Dorhout.