



Los Alamos Master Gardeners

Meeting Minutes

Date: May 11, 2019
Time: 9:30 a.m.
Location: Nambe Room, Fuller Lodge; Los Alamos, NM
• Re-location from Demo Garden due to rain
Meeting Facilitator: Carolyn Mangeng, President

REPORTS

Minutes

Denise George moved that the April minutes be approved as written. Nancy Nunnelley seconded the motion. All approved.

Treasurer, Laurie Walker

- There is a balance of \$3,275.45.
- Twenty-three (23) members and seven (7) lifetime members have paid dues. The meeting roster reflects 43 members (total), so if you still need to pay your dues, please do so ASAP. Many thanks!

Extension Agent, Carlos Valdez

- The State Master Gardeners organization is interviewing for the State Master Gardener Coordinator position. Kelly White is moving to 'greener' pastures.
- The Santa Fe Master Gardeners have officially separated from the State Master Gardeners affiliation. Sandoval County is also considering separation.
- The Los Alamos Master Gardeners Class is scheduled for February through May of 2020.

Demo Garden, Denise George

Garden Fair Preparations

With the Garden Fair only weeks away, a lot of attention has been given to preparing the Demo Garden. Work parties have been scheduled and Denise has been sending lists of chores via email for those who can volunteer time on non-work party days. Following are some of the accomplishments, to date:

- Casita ramp and ramp rails have been removed.
- The walkway from the Pergola to the Casita is scheduled to be poured on May 31.
- Pergola bench sanding and staining is scheduled for the next couple of weeks.
- New plexiglass covers are being placed on all the pedestal signs.
- Bushes need trimming.
- Orphan areas need weeding and mulching.
- Garden Leads need to update the database plant lists.
- The Extension Office is re-doing the Fire Defensible Space poster that is placed in the display case on the Casita porch.

A sign-up sheet was passed around with tasks to sign up for. Many thanks to the Garden Leads and members who are signing up for the special projects! This showcase event wouldn't be successful without your continuing efforts!!



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Moon Garden

- Utility locates were inadvertently performed at the opposite side of the garden, so the locates had to be re-scheduled. Therefore, the initial work of this area is post-poned until the utility locates are performed.

Compost Analysis

A sample of the compost obtained from the County Eco Station was sent for analysis.

Following are the results:

- Indicated as 'hot' – meaning it is ammoniac.
- Pathogen results – probably ok.
- Heavy metals – yes.

Path Forward: We will have 2 piles of compost – 1 that will sit unused for one season to facilitate further decomposition, and 1 that has finished the 1-yr de-composition process and is available for use.

Garden Tools

A decision was made to mark the Demo Garden tools with 'day-glo' spray paint in order to clearly differentiate them from personal garden tools.

Demo Garden Fair, Denise George

[SATURDAY, JUNE 8, 2019, 9:00a.m. - 12:30p.m.](#)

(Same day as Chamberfest)

Publicity, Doris Thielemann

- Brochures and flyers have been delivered to the Senior Center for posting.
- Brochures have been distributed to many locations; including libraries, garden centers, etc.
- The banner will be hung on the pedestrian overpass on Diamond Dr. on June 3.
- Members will be talking about the event at 7:30 a.m., June 4, on KSFR.

Plant Sale, Shari Foley

- For large donations, place plants in the barberry bush area at the Southeast corner of the garden.
- If the members who are photographing the event would please take photos of the plant sale this year, that would be appreciated.

Children's Activity – proceeding.

Walking Tour

- Marisa Thompson, NMSU Extension Urban Specialist, will be giving a walking tour of the Demo Garden as one of the Mini-Lectures.
- Garden Leads – please submit to Carlos a list of blooming plants in your garden/s for Melissa's information.



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Thanks to Angela

Angela, the Extension Office Administrative Assistant, has provided exemplary support to the Master Gardeners' with the many needs related to the Demo Garden Fair, and the Members discussed how to thank her. With Carlos' input, it was decided that Members could donate plants to her for her garden.

Programs

Santa Fe Botanical Garden Field Trip

- Coleen Meyer volunteered to coordinate the logistics for this field trip. Watch for emails from Coleen with details.

Old Business

Tax Exempt Status

- Obtaining tax exempt status was too complicated.
- An alternative is that the Extension Office will make large purchases on our behalf at Metzger's. Please coordinate with Carlos if you are interested in this service.

ACTIONS:

LAMG Assistance with County Fair

Kimberli will coordinate with Carlos and Angela on the listed topics.

Demo Garden Irrigation

Carlos and Kimberli will coordinate getting the irrigation needs taken care of. Some of it will be completed by Oasis Landscaping during the Fall of 2019.

Orchard Garden Design

Denise and Kimberli will coordinate the committee to begin this project in Fall of 2019.

New Business

Garden Tour 2020

Christine Hipp and Michelle Berkebile have volunteered to be the Co-Leads for the private garden tour hosted by LAMG in 2020. Many, many thanks to Christine and Michelle for filling this need!

Honoring of New Lifetime Member

Carolyn and the Members recognized Nancy Nunnelley as a new Lifetime Member. Nancy's continuing dedication to the Los Alamos Master Gardener Association as a volunteer in the Demo Garden, helping to successfully facilitate uncountable special events, and serving as an Officer for a number of years, is deeply appreciated! Additionally, Nancy was a gardening ambassador at Barranca Elementary School for many years. She was instrumental in establishing growing beds for students, and worked with the students to grow plants and learn about gardening. Nancy's contributions to the Community and ongoing work with LAMG to promote gardening success and cultivate a love of gardening in others was honored by all present. Thank you, Nancy! A plaque will be placed on the Demo Garden Entrance Arbor.



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The meeting concluded at 11:00 a.m.

Attending: See Attachment 1

NEXT MEETING:

Thursday, August 1, 2019, 7:00 p.m.

Location: Marjorie Selden's home

624 La Bajada, Pajarito Acres; White Rock, NM

Program: Tour of Marjorie's Gardens

Respectfully Submitted,
Kimberli Tanner, Secretary



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Our MISSION

- ❖ To promote knowledgeable, effective, and safe horticultural and gardening practices in furtherance of New Mexico State University's Cooperative Extension Service; and
- ❖ To promote goodwill in our community by participating in horticultural and educational service projects.

LAMG Officers

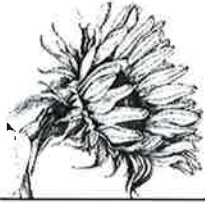
<i>President</i>	*Carolyn Mangeng
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<i>Secretary</i>	Kimberli Tanner
<i>Programs</i>	*Carolyn Mangeng
<i>Publicity</i>	Doris Thielemann
<i>Web Page</i>	Cathe Ragsdale
<i>Social Media</i>	Christine Hipp

* *Temporarily filled. Seeking permanent volunteers.*

LA County Extension Agent Carlos Valdez

Demo Garden Leads

Overall	Denise George
Hope Garden	
Blue/White Garden	Denise George
Dwarf Conifers Garden	Denise George
	Carolyn Mangeng
Butterfly Garden	Shari Foley
Penstemon Garden	Christine Hipp
	Michelle Berkebile
Groundcovers Garden	Pallis Papin
Roses	Dena Brent
Arbor Entrance Gardens	
East (Moonlight Garden)	Judy Magelssen
	Melissa Theesfeld
West	Laurie Walker
Shade Garden	Laurie Walker
Industrial Strength Garden	Denise George
Perennial Mound Garden	Nancy Nunnelley
	Bev Cooper
Gamma Grass Circle Garden	Carlos Valdez
Cactus Garden	Pam Burke
Oasis Garden	John Huang
	Kimberli Tanner
Ornamental Grass Garden	Linnea Poretti
Crabapple Lane	Vacant
Artemesia Garden	Marjorie Selden
Upright Rock Garden	Marjorie Selden
Martha's Orchard	Committee: Carlos Valdez
	Denise George
	Lena Lopatina
	Kimberli Tanner
Pergola Gardens	Doris Thielemann
Sensory Gardens	
Sight	Kok-Heong McNaughton
Touch	Vacant
Taste	Denise George
Fragrance	Kimberli Tanner
Emoji Garden	Peggy Reneau
Casita Gardens	
Lavendar Garden	Kimberli Tanner
East and South Lawn Borders	Kelly Shea
Herb Gardens	Kimberli Tanner
Raspberry/Vegetable Gardens	Quinn Abfalterer



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Meeting Roster

Meeting Date: 5/11/19

NAME		SIGNATURE
1	Quinn Abfalterer	
2	Michelle Berkebile	<i>M Berkebile</i>
3	Dena Brent	<i>DBL</i>
4	Jeanne Bridge	
6	Bev Cooper	
7	Martin Cooper	
8	Susie Duncan	
9	Shari Foley	<i>Shari Foley</i>
10	Christine Hipp	<i>Christine Hipp</i>
11	Laurie Hixson	
12	John Huang	<i>John Huang</i>
13	Chelsea Johnston	
14	Lena Lopatina	
15	Pat McCarty	
16	Kok-Heone McNaughton	
17	Judy Magelssen	<i>Judy Magelssen</i>
18	Carolyn Mangeng	<i>C Mangeng</i>
19	Robin Martin	
20	Caroline Mason	
21	Coleen Meyer	<i>Coleen Meyer</i>
22	Pallas Papin	

Rebecca Eaton
Betsy Comly

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NAME		SIGNATURE
23	Catherine Ragsdale	
24	Peggy Reneau	<i>Peggy Reneau</i>
25	Vicki Ricketts	
26	Kelly Shea	
27	Kimberli Tanner	<i>Kimberli Tanner</i>
28	Melissa Theesfeld	
29	Doris Thielemann	<i>Doris Thielemann</i>
30	Carlos Valdez	<i>Carlos Valdez</i>
31	Laurie Walker	<i>Laurie Walker</i>
32	Robert Walker	<i>Robert Walker</i>
33	Kathy Wilson	

Lifetime Members

NAME		SIGNATURE
1	Lee Builta	
2	Rosmarie Frederickson	
3	Denise George	<i>Denise George</i>
4	Ronalie Moss	
5	Nancy Nunnelley	<i>Nancy R. Nunnelley</i>
6	Marjorie Selden	<i>Marjorie Selden</i>
7	Cathy Strong	
8	Bo West	
9	Mary Zemach	



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New Members

NAME	SIGNATURE

Visitors

NAME