

LOS ALAMOS MASTER GARDENERS
Meeting Minutes taken by Judy Hoffman
From meeting on August 10, 2023

Location: In person at Denise George's house (thank you for hosting)

Announcements:

- 1) County Fair is Friday, August 12, 2023 from 5 pm – 8 pm and Saturday, August 13, 2023 from 10 am – 3 pm
- 2) Weed pulling work party at Bandelier Visitor Center Native Garden August 13th starting at 8 am (come when you can). These are reportable volunteer hours for LAMG

Welcome Susan Schauer who took the LAMG course 22 years ago!

Reports

Minutes: Approved for May 4, 2023 written by Coleen

Treasurer: Laurie Walker reported we have \$9300.00. Give Laurie any receipts you have for your garden area. Each garden is allotted \$150 per year.

Thanks to Janine Fales, a returning LAMG member, for lots of work at the Demo Garden and her historical knowledge of our organization.

Demo Garden – Denise George

- 1) Irrigation system update – Denise and Angela are working with Parks and Rec on a solution. History: in 1996 Los Alamos Parks and Recreation department and LAMG came to an agreement that Parks and Recs would be in charge of the irrigation system at the Demo Garden.
- 2) Work party – not a lot of people showing up. Demo Garden work parties will resume after the Bandelier work party.
- 3) Hope Garden Sign reprise – Denise and Carolyn are actively looking into a metal sign to display 'memory of'

White Rock Community Garden – Betsy Comly

- 1) More plants this year
- 2) Plants took a beating (hail, heat, lack of water, etc.)
- 3) Timer broke on irrigation system, it is fixed now
- 4) Working on bindweed eradication

Agent's Report – No report.

Workshops at Alcalde

- 1) Bindweed Mite workshop – attendees brought back mites that eat bindweed. Mites eat about ½ inch of bindweed a day. They hibernate underground. If mite is on bindweed, flower is yellow. Ame and Betsy attended.
- 2) The NMSU College of Agriculture, Consumer and Environmental Sciences held their Annual Field Day at the Sustainable Agriculture Science Center at Alcalde on Aug. 9th. The tours were focused on ranchers with 11 tour stops. They included Building and sustaining soil health with cover crops, Alfalfa variety selection, Principles of weed identification, Fruit tree common pests and IPM, and stops at the jujube, apple, and grape plots. Ame, Angela, and Coleen attended.

News from State EMG Advisory Council – Dena Brent

- 1) Volunteer hours by county or chapter for 2022 were made available – see attachment

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Discussion about 2024 LAMG events:

- 1) Plant sale – there is an interest in doing this
- 2) Garden Fair – besides talks for adults include activities for children, maybe a scavenger hunt, invite NMSU personnel to talk
- 3) Public Garden Tour – possible locations PEEC, Unitarian Church, North Mesa, the Demo Gardens
- 4) Private Garden Tour – can be a LAMG or a private citizen **Need a lead for this?**
- 5) **Vote results:** 2024 Plant Sale and Public Garden Tours, Private Garden Tours in 2025
- 6) 2024 is our 30th Anniversary – celebrate the people. Use the opportunity to advertise 30th Anniversary all year.
Is this the 30th of LAMG or the Demo Garden or both?
- 7) Give LAPS teachers house plants at the beginning of the school year – July 2024

Future Program suggestions:

- 1) Bee City Los Alamos committee proposal
- 2) Native bees – speaker Olivia Carril
- 3) Mulch by Marisa Thompson from NMSU Extension Office

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm.

Next LAMG meeting – September 7, 2023: The meeting will be in person in Los Alamos. Location TBD.

LAMG Attendees: Coleen Meyer, Carolyn Mangeng, Judy Hoffman, Betsy Comly, Alison Grieggs, Dena Brent, Ame Washburn, Pat McCarty, James Caruthers, Laurie Walker, Bev Cooper, Barbara Mann, Janine Fales, Susan Schauer.