

LOS ALAMOS MASTER GARDENERS
Meeting Minutes taken by Coleen Meyer
From meeting on September 1, 2022 at 7:00 pm

Location: In person at the White Rock library

Reports

Minutes: August minutes were approved. Motion by Shari Foley, seconded by Pallas Papin
Discussion about plant labels has been deferred due to key people being absent.
There were no other reports.

Announcements: Kok-Heong McNaughton

- 1) Hoffmanns' Garden Tour, Friday 9/2 @9:30 AM, 3197 Woodland Dr. Los Alamos.
- 2) Community Iris Swap, Saturday 9/3 from 9-1, Unitarian Church patio, 1738 N. Sage Street.
- 3) Grieggs' Garden Tour, Wednesday 9/7, @ 9am, 107 Piedra Loop, WR.

Program: Dena Brent and attendees

Dena led a discussion about what went well this gardening season (successes), what didn't (challenges), what was surprising, etc. Some of that discussion follows.

Ame planted the 3 sisters in the new raised beds at the Demo Garden. These are corn, beans, and squash. The beds settled considerably and will need more soil next year. She was working with the Junior Gardeners Club from the LA Middle School.

Judy shared her observations of the Moonlight garden. A few plants that did well last year floundered this year, however many more that were just being established last year really took off. The Cigar plant went through 2 cycles of growing, blooming, and dying back. Honeysuckle was planted on either side of the entry trellis.

Shari said the Butterfly garden by the Mother Fountain (which was not turned on) is suffering, especially the lupine that turned black.

Dena said that summer annuals grew very well with all of the rain. Fruit trees throughout the county have produced a lot of fruit this year. Veggies: The leaves of her beans were damaged by spider mites. She striped the leaves and watered the stems down every day. This is because spider mites like dry conditions. As a result, she has very few spider mites and lots of leaves and beans on her plants. She said you could do this on roses and dahlias as well since this easy, safe process worked for the beans and it works for most flora.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm.

Next LAMG meeting – October 6, 2022: The meeting will be in person in Los Alamos. Location TBD.

LAMG Attendees: Coleen Meyer, Carolyn Mangeng, Judy Magelssen, Betsy Comly, Alison Grieggs, Dena Brent, Kok-Heong McNaughton, Shari Foley, Ame Mashburn. Pallas Papin, Vicki Ricketts, Pat McCarty, and Christine Hipp.