

LOS ALAMOS MASTER GARDENERS
Meeting Minutes taken by Coleen Meyer
From meeting on September 7, 2023, at 7:00 pm

Location: Fuller Lodge

Program: Dena lead discussions on new and old business and some garden lessons learned.

Reports

Minutes: Denise motioned to accept August minutes; Laurie second. Minutes were approved.

Treasurer's report – Laurie Walker

1. LAMG statement has not arrived. The account balance is about \$9,300.00.
2. Laurie is working with Angela on LAMG financial reports for New Mexico State University (NMSU).

Extension Agent Report – Angela Prada

1. Marisa Thompson is not available on our November date for a mulching presentation. Angela is working with Marisa on an alternative date.
2. LAMG is participating in a Los Alamos County led series on Sustainable Gardening. This series is especially geared for newcomers' landscaping or people converting their landscape. There are six sessions starting Sept. 21st. Registration (not required) is open. See attached flyer for details. Christine will post information to our social media platforms.
3. Please use the Volunteer Hours template that was previously sent out. Angela will resend it.
4. Angela is working with the County on responsibilities. They have been very supportive of the WR Community Garden, but have limited resources for the LA Demo Garden where the immediate needs are irrigation and a broken signpost.

Garden Reports:

LA Demo Garden - Denise

1. There will be a work party in the Demo Garden this Saturday at 9am. The black medic especially needs to be pulled. Denise will send notifications for future work parties.
2. Denise is asking if someone can check the mulcher. If it is indeed broken, can we get someone to fix the motor and the flat tire? If so, contact Denise or Carolyn.
3. Denise gave a tour of the Demo Garden to the Seed Library and Bee City groups. She pointed out where seeds may be harvested and what seeds to leave in the Demo Garden. There was good attendance and the tour went well.
4. Denise and others voiced their disappointment that someone had picked all of the peaches from the peach tree. Denise is looking into posting a polite sign for people to limit their harvesting.
5. Ame brought some produce from the garden to share.

WR Community Garden - Betsy

1. Betsy saw someone was staying in the garden. He was non-threatening and has moved on.
2. The bindweed mite experiment showed mixed results, but is continuing.
3. The Summit Garden Club will have Del Jimenez as a guest speaker at 1:30pm on Monday Oct. 2nd at the White Rock Senior Center.

Other Business:

1. Interpretation of the spreadsheet from NMSU on Master Gardener programs by county was confusing. We need a definition of "Site Visits" as well as some other data points, especially given the wide range of values submitted by other organizations. Dena will get this information.
2. "Thank You" to the LAMG members who helped with the Bandelier Garden cleanup!

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New Business:

1. Dena – Newcomers should see Angela for MG pins. Carolyn is coordinating the shirt order. Shirt sizes for the denim Master Gardener shirts seemed to run small. Newcomers may purchase their own shirt and LAMG will reimburse you up to \$20. While the supplier of the denim shirts is out of business, the embroidered company will continue to embroider the image. (Carolyn will send out a message with more details.)
2. Denise has developed a LAMG logo specific to the Los Alamos group. This can be used for branding our non-NMSU activities such as hats, shirts, and social media.
3. 30th Anniversary – 2024 is the 30th anniversary of LAMG and the Demo Garden. There will be a party and special recognition of this milestone at various events. We will hold a plant sale and are discussing having a fair at the Demo Garden that would include children's activities.
4. We exchanged some gardening tips for likelihood of hot/dry 2024 summer. There was not a lot of time for discussion however a few people mentioned that shade cloth was very helpful.

LAMG Future Programs

November: Fuller Lodge, TBD. Angela will reserve a room.

Next LAMG meeting

October 5th at the White Rock Public Library at 6:30pm. Program will be on bees by Olivia Carril.

Meeting adjourned at 8:14 pm.

LAMG Attendees: Dena Brent, James Caruthers, Betsy Comly, Bev Cooper, Ruth Doyle, Denise George, Alison Grieggs, Christine Hipp, Judy Hoffman, Barbara Mann, Ame Mashburn, Coleen Meyer, Angela Prada, Vicki Ricketts, and Laurie & Bob Walker.