

LOS ALAMOS MASTER GARDENERS
Meeting Minutes taken by Judy Magelssen
October 7, 2021 at 7:00 pm

Location: On-line via Zoom

Status of Extension Office:

1. Carlos Valdez officially went on Extended Personal Leave on August 26, 2021. This was unplanned and Carlos is not allowed to have any association with the Los Alamos Extension Office during his leave. The Interim Los Alamos County Extension Agent is Desaree Jimenez. She has been the Family Consumer and 4-H agent for the last four years. Therefore, she is doing both her job and Carlos' job. Home horticulture visits will not be done at this time. Tom Dominquez, The Santa Fe Extension Agent, will answer horticulture questions. LAMG is asking that you contact Denise George first with your horticulture questions. Christina Turner, Interim Deputy Extension Agent for Northern New Mexico is working with both Desaree and the LAMG board.

Reports

2. **Minutes:** September 2, 2021 minutes were approved with amendment.
3. **Treasurer Report:** Laurie Walker reported the balance \$8741.00. Expenses included: weed barrier and mulch the Orchard and a few plants were purchased for the Demo Garden.
4. **Demo Garden:** Denise George
 1. Orchard - Weeds removed, weed barrier installed and mulch spread on top two terraces. A detailed report will be given next month on the Orchard Garden.
 2. New Signs
 - a. 5 metal sign frames are in the casita. 3 are to replace old wooden frames in the orchard, shade and oasis gardens. Peggy and Judy were first to claim the other 2 signs for their new gardens.
 - b. For the 2 new gardens, we will need to install new bases (4x4 posts set in cement or use a post-base spike) (\$30 at Home Depot). Other people desiring signs for their areas please let Denise know so she can make a list.
 - c. Does anyone know where the power auger is?
 - d. 2 large Gardening Principles signs (30x18") were approved by the county. One was to honor Mary Zemack with a Rain Water Harvesting sign. The second was to correct a typo on the title of a sign where 'LANDSCAPE' is missing the 2nd 'A'. Denise is having difficulty spending money on an inconsequential error. Denise will be working with Fossil Graphics on the Mary Zemack sign.
 3. Gophers
 - a. Lots of activity in dry stream bed accessing the Grass Garden. Many grasses are now protected by wire cages. Denise collapsed entry tunnels.
 - b. A gopher had been busy in the Industrial Strength Garden. Does anyone know what happened to the gopher trap that had been set there? It might be in the Shade Garden.

New Business:

1. Brief discussion about the upcoming Master Gardening Course.
 - a. 2022 Class will be online.
 - b. Continue charging \$200 per person (scholarships available). \$100 goes to State.
 - c. Current members may take the course (or any class) free of charge.
 - d. Carolyn will work with members offline for advertising this Course.

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Program: Unsolved Mystery of African Violets by Dena Brent

Gardening Questions:

1. Please send Denise George suggestions for Dwarf fruit trees for the Orchard Garden.

Meeting adjourned at 8:05 pm.

Next LAMG meeting – November 4, 2021: This meeting will be held remotely over Zoom.

LAMG Attendees: Coleen Meyer, Judy Magelssen, Dena Brent, Denise George, Carolyn Mangeng, Pallas Papin, Vicki Ricketts, Peggy Reneau, Nancy Nunnelley, Rosemarie Fredrickson, Wendy Alexander, Kok-Heong McNaughton, Shari Foley, Betsy Comly, and Laurie & Bob Walker. Extension Office – Desaree Jimenez