

LOS ALAMOS MASTER GARDENERS
Meeting Minutes taken by Coleen Meyer
From meeting on November 3, 2022, at 7:00 pm

Location: In person at White Rock Public Library (social time at 6:30, before the meeting started)

Reports

Minutes: October minutes were approved. Motion to approve as written by Coleen Meyer, seconded by Laurie Walker.

Treasurer's report:

1. Balance is \$8,978.33, as of 10/27/2022.
2. Laurie's analysis to establish fee for MG class of \$200: Our income, on average, comes from class fees (about \$2,000-2,600/year), LAMG dues (about \$500), and plant sales (about \$1,200), so class fees are a major contribution to our budget. There is an additional approx. \$75 fee for students who want to download the manual.
3. Vote on fee for MG class and number of scholarship opportunities: Denise George motioned to charge \$200 for the class; Laurie Walker seconded and the motion passed. We will also allocate \$400 for 4 scholarships that may be awarded to Los Alamos county students.

Extension Agent Report – Angela Prada

1. Audrey Collins was hired as the Admin for the Extension office. She has a BA in Soils and 4-H experience. She started this week.
2. Submit volunteer and education hours to Angela by the end of December.
3. Types of volunteer activities that qualify: Hours for volunteer work in the White Rock Community garden may be submitted. Volunteer hours may also come from working in the Demo Garden, judging the Science Fair, administrative tasks, giving a garden program, or working a plant sale or garden tour. Credit for auditing the NM State MG class counts towards education hours.
4. The next LAMG class starts January 14th. The office is getting the word out. Please help spread the word.

Demo Garden update – Denise George

1. The county has turned off the irrigation system.
2. There has been a lot of gopher activity. Denise and Doris Thielemann set traps in some sections of the garden.
3. Bob & Laurie replaced irrigation system diaphragms and solenoids.
4. The SW corner of the Casita area is still too wet. This is an issue to check in the spring.
5. The brown bins need to be emptied and the sunflowers next to the bins cleaned out.
6. Someone who needs to put in Community Service hours may paint the benches in the pergola.
7. There is still mulch available to be used before it snows.

Outreach for LAMG in general:

1. Flyers: Vicki Ricketts passed out LA Extension Master Gardener brochures and flyers.
2. About 2 dozen flyers will be given to the LA Senior Center to be distributed around town on the 1st & 3rd weeks of the month.

Miscellaneous:

1. Del Jimenez will give a Beneficial Uses for Seeds presentation at the Mesa Public Library on Nov. 17th from 6:00-7:00 pm. Attend in person or remote. Register through the library.
<https://laconm.libcal.com/event/9733282>
2. We discussed holding a potluck for our December meeting at the WR Town Hall or in Los Alamos on Dec. 1st or 8th from 6:00-8:00 pm. Details will be send out later.

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February meeting:

1. Approval of budget, including LAMG class scholarship
2. Election of officers

Tentative February-March Program opportunities:

February: Del Jimenez plus Ame Mashburn on raised gardens

March: Alison Grieggs on straw bale gardening

New Business:

Beverly Cooper mentioned Peggy Reneau's garden is not getting water. A portion does not have irrigation. She suggested placing a sculpture in that section. She will work up a proposal to be presented at a future meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm.

Next LAMG meeting – February 2, 2022: Location and format (in-person or virtual) to be determined.

LAMG Attendees: Coleen Meyer, Judy Magelssen, Betsy Comly, Alison Grieggs, Dena Brent, Kok-Heong McNaughton, Denise George, Robert & Laurie Walker, Vicki Ricketts, Angela Prada, and Beverly Cooper.