



Los Alamos Master Gardeners

Meeting Minutes

Date: August 2, 2018
Time: 6:45 p.m.
Location: Christine Hipp's home, Los Alamos, NM
Meeting Facilitator: Carolyn Mangeng, President

REPORTS

Officers, Carolyn Mangeng

The Vice President position is still open and Carolyn is hoping someone will be interested in this role. Please contact her for more information if interested. Carolyn also thanked Doris for agreeing to take on the position of Publicity Chair.

Minutes

April 2018 minutes

Denise George moved that the April minutes be approved as revised. Rosemarie Frederickson seconded the motion. All approved.

May 2018 minutes

Judy Magelssen moved that the May minutes be approved as written. Christine Hipp seconded the motion. All approved. Note: the photos of the Great Egret will be attached to the May meeting minutes.

Treasurer, Carolyn Mangeng

On Laurie's behalf, Carolyn reported a balance of \$4,214.70.

Extension Agent

On Carlos' behalf, members provided the following Extension Agent business:

State Master Gardener Business, Carolyn Mangeng

The State MG By-Laws are still in the process of being finalized. A recent change occurred that changed the continuing education requirement from 5 hrs/yr to 10 hrs/yr. Carolyn and Carlos have been engaged in the by-laws status and will keep the membership apprised of final approval. Watch for email announcements on this topic.

Meanwhile, this summer, Carolyn met with a committee to update the LAMG Standing Rules. Committee members included Dena Brent, Denise George, Kimberli Tanner, and Laurie Walker. A draft revision was completed, however, final revision will occur when the By-Laws are approved.

Note: A simple way to consider these documents is that the By-Laws describe '*what we will do*' and the Standing Rules describe '*how we will do it*'.

Carolyn anticipates having the Standing Rules ready for presentation to the members at the October meeting. The members will have the month of October to review the Standing Rules and a vote to adopt the revised Standing Rules will occur at the November meeting.

LA County Fair – August 10 & 11, 2018



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LAMG members are encouraged to volunteer at the County Fair, in particular for the exhibits at the library. If you're interested, please contact Carlos.

Carlos is still accepting GIANT zucchinis for a 'Zucchini Toss' event. If you have some giant zucchinis, contact Carlos or the extension office for more information.

Demo Garden, Denise George

Work Party – Saturday, August 4, 8-11.

Adopt an area

Garden Area Leads are open and waiting for members to 'love' them. Additionally, if there's an area that you're interested in, the Lead may be happy to have a co-lead. See the last page of the minutes for garden areas, where there are vacancies, and who is the lead/s. For additional information, please contact Denise.

Rain

Following an extremely dry winter and spring, the monsoon pattern rains have been very welcome!

Irrigation

Carlos has been addressing reported irrigation issues. Two significant issues have been corrected/repared. There has been some negative impact, but not severe.

Pergola Refurbishment

As approved by the members, Mitchell [last name] has been refurbishing the pergola this summer. The project is nearly complete. Denise reported that the expenses will be a little higher than estimated and she will have a detailed reporting when the job is complete.

Brush Pile

Management of the brush pile has been an ongoing challenge at the Demo Garden. When the Eco Station was no longer available to pick up the brush, the County Parks Division offered to pick it up. However, this never materialized during this growing season. Finally, Peggy Reneau and Mitchell [last name] took care of it. They made 2 trips to the Eco Station with the large brush, and Peggy took about 20 wheelbarrow loads to the dumpsters at the Justice Center. Once it was cleaned up, the Police Chief came out and thanked her for improving the view from his office window. Over the summer, Peggy championed a huge effort to clean up the demo garden area along the drive that exits to Oppenheimer Dr., including the giant, very unsightly brush pile! We are very grateful for her tireless efforts!

Due to the management challenges, it has been decided that there will no longer be a brush pile. Therefore, **ALL GARDEN DEBRIS MUST BE PLACED IN THE DUMPSTERS** at the Justice Center. This is a significant change. Please be mindful of it when working in the Demo Garden.



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The area where the brush pile has been is now designated as a staging area for things such as mulch piles, etc.

Soil Sifter

The soil sifter has found a new home with Pallis Papin.

Programs

September 2018 – State Master Gardener Conference Report, LAMG Attendees

October 2018 – The Horticultural Legacy of George Kelly, Christine Hipp

November 2018 – TBD

December 2018 – No Program (Holiday Potluck)

February, March, April, June 2019 - TBD

If you have ideas for a program, know someone who could present a program, or would like to present a program, please contact Carolyn Mangeng.

Butterfly Brown Bag Event

Members remarked on how interesting and enjoyable the Brown Bag Event with Steve Carey on butterflies was. The event was held on June 20, at 11:45 a.m. and included a lecture and butterfly-watching in the Demo Garden.

Old Business

LAMG Shirts

Carolyn reported that, due to a backlog with the vendor, some members are still waiting for shirts.

Garden Tour 2018

Carolyn thanked Doris Thielemann for her excellent contribution to the publicity of this event. DELETE

On Marjorie Selden's behalf, Denise George and garden docents reported the following:
Attendance

Attendance at the gardens was between approximately 250 and 350 visitors. This is not unusual for this event (except for years when there has been rain), and speaks to the educational value the event provides.

Comments from Visitors

It was noted that a number of visitors at several gardens commented on how they liked having the gardens closer together.

The private gardens on this year's tour were all located in White Rock (the public garden at PEEC was the only garden in Los Alamos).

Scheduling

There was discussion that with all the private gardens in White Rock, early June was good timing for the tour, as the gardens were about 2 weeks further along



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than in Los Alamos, it **wasn't** too hot, and the plants still looked fresh. Two weeks later, and the heat was drying out the gardens.

Conclusion: schedule early June for White Rock and mid-June for Los Alamos. Comment from Carolyn to Kimberli – Pallis thought it is interesting to view the gardens at different times of the season, as in not necessarily June.

Garden Tour Chair

This was Marjorie's last year to Chair the Garden Tour event. [We are looking for a member who will assume Chairing this event.](#) Over the years, Marjorie and the members on the Committee have created an extraordinary organizational spreadsheet, so the most effort entails obtaining garden nominations and choosing the gardens. The next event is scheduled for 2020; however, gardens need to be nominated and reviewed in 2019. If you are interested, please contact Marjorie Selden or Denise George for more information, etc.

State Master Gardener Conference

Dates: August 31st to September 2nd, 2018.

Location: Albuquerque Marriott Pyramid Hotel

Theme: Sustainability, Don't Fight Mother Nature – Work with Her!

url address: <http://nmmgcon2018.org/>

It's not too late to register and attend the New Mexico Master Gardeners 2018 Conference! Several members are attending and are setting up carpools. If you have questions about the conference, please contact Carlos Valdez, **Carolyn Mangeng** or Denise George.

New Business

Moonlight Garden, Judy Magelssen & Melissa Theesfeld

Judy made a presentation to the members for a proposed Moonlight Garden that she and Melissa would like to create in the Demo Garden.

A synopsis of the presentation included:

- Principles of a Moonlight Garden – planting designs that feature plants and/or flowers that are beautiful, texturally interesting, night-blooming, and/or fragrant at night and in the moonlight. (See Attachment 1)
- Proposed Location – Southeast corner of the Demo Garden; referred to as the East Arbor area. This is the area where the Korean Spice Bush, Bristlecone Pine, Barberry, and Sumac are dominant plantings.
- Proposed Design – Judy handed out a design (see Attachment 1). It was noted that plants that are removed will be available for replanting and that Kok-Heong **McNaughton** has already expressed interest in re-planting barberry at the Unitarian Church.
- Proposed Timeline – The design will be implemented in phases, as time and money allow.



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- Proposed Budget – The proposal is to use the \$200.00 allocation each year and complete however much that allows. If funds beyond the \$200.00 is anticipated, particularly for hardscaping, Judy and Melissa will make that request to the members.

Denise George moved that the Moonlight Garden proposal be approved. Coleen Meyer seconded the motion. All Approved.

Other

Summit Garden Plant Sale

Date/Time: September 8, 10 a.m.

Location: PEEC

PROGRAM

Everyone enjoyed a tour of Christine's lovely garden. Her greatest challenge is the deer, who regularly include her yard on their dinner route. Over the years, she's learned what plants the deer avoid (relatively speaking), which can be grown without protection, and what plants are highly desired, which are protected. A section of her yard is dedicated to those desired plants and has been fenced to prevent deer access. Additionally, she will protect individual plants or smaller areas with plant covers and netting. A number of members were intrigued with the individual plant protectors named NuVue, (see images below). As we settled into the meeting, everyone enjoyed pesto made with the basil from Christine's herb garden. We began our meeting enjoying the outdoors, but then moved indoors when the rain began ... a very welcome occurrence!



NuVue Pest Guard Cover

The meeting concluded at 8:30 p.m.

Attending: See Attachment 2

NEXT MEETING:

Thursday, September 6, 2018

Location: White Rock Branch Library (tentative – watch for email confirmation)

Program: State Master Gardener Conference Report, LAMG Attendees



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Respectfully Submitted,
Kimberli Tanner, Secretary



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Our MISSION

- ❖ To promote knowledgeable, effective, and safe horticultural and gardening practices in furtherance on New Mexico State University's Cooperative Extension Service; and
- ❖ To promote goodwill in our community by participating in horticultural and educational service projects.

LAMG Officers

<i>President</i>	*Carolyn Mangeng
<i>Vice President</i>	Vacant
<i>Treasurer</i>	Laurie Walker
<i>Secretary</i>	Kimberli Tanner
<i>Programs</i>	*Carolyn Mangeng
<i>Publicity</i>	*Doris Thielemann
<i>Web Page</i>	Cathe Ragsdale
<i>Social Media</i>	Christine Hipp

* Temporarily filled. Seeking permanent volunteers.

LA County Extension Agent Carlos Valdez

Demo Garden Leads

Overall	Denise George
Hope Garden	
Blue/White Garden	Denise George
Dwarf Conifers Garden	Denise George
	Carolyn Mangeng
Butterfly Garden	Shari Foley
Penstemon Garden	Christine Hipp
	Michelle Berkebile
Groundcovers Garden	Pallis Papin
Roses	Dena Brent
Arbor Entrance Gardens	
East	Judy Magelssen
	Melissa Theesfeld
West	Laurie Walker
Shade Garden	Laurie Walker
Industrial Strength Garden	Denise George
Perennial Mound Garden	Nancy Nunnelley
	Bev Cooper
Gramma Grass Circle Garden	Carlos Valdez
Cactus Garden	Pam Burke
Oasis Garden	John Huang
	Kimberli Tanner
Ornamental Grass Garden	Linnea Poretti
Crabapple Lane	Melissa Theesfeld
	Judy Magelssen
Artemesia Garden	Marjorie Selden
Upright Rock Garden	Marjorie Selden
Martha's Orchard	Committee: Carlos Valdez
	Denise George
	Lena Lopatina
	Kimberli Tanner
Pergola Gardens	Doris Thielemann
Sensory Gardens	
Sight	Vacant
Touch	Vacant
Taste	Denise George
Fragrance	Kimberli Tanner
Casita Gardens	
Lavendar Garden	Kimberli Tanner
East and South Lawn Borders	Kelly Shea
Herb Gardens	Kimberli Tanner
Raspberry/Vegetable Gardens	Quinn Abfalterer