

BCMGA Board Meeting

April 8, 2024

9:00-11:00

Agenda

Zoom Meeting

Meeting called to order @ 0907 by Brenda Bye

Attending: Board members: Paula Lupcho, Janet Magedanz, Brenda Bye, Rich Taylor, Alan Taylor, Deb Kern, Therese Van de Graaff, Jana Tindall, Michelle Brown, Marge Alig, Lynn Trimpe, Cindy Roler, (A quorum present)  
Staff: Otilia Schreuder

Minutes

Approve February minutes – motion to approve by Paula L. seconded by Jana T. motion carried unanimously

Approve March minutes - motion to approve as amended by Paula L. second Alan T. motion carried unanimously

President's Report- Brenda Bye

Brenda presented the nominations for **BC Master Gardener of the Year:**

1. Jana Tindall and 2. Susan Hoffman

Discussion of nomination letters and qualifications for both

Motion made by Paula L. to nominate Jana T. as BC Master Gardener of the Year Marge A. seconded - carried unanimously

**Behind the Scenes:** nominations

1. Sandy Piper 2. Leslie Hauser

Discussion of nomination letters and qualifications for both

Motion made by Paula L. to nominate for Behind the Scenes award Sandy Piper seconded Marge A. motion- carried unanimously

Marge A. informed the board that there are extra copies of the directory on the library shelf at the Plant Desk if anyone would need an extra copy.

Financial Report- Janet Magadanz

Presented and reviewed.

Motion made by Paula to have the 5/3/24 CD rollover Alan T. seconded -motion carried unanimously.

President Elect- Paula Lupcho

Paula L. is spearheading the collection of donations for Joy of Gardening silent auction. Start hunting for treasures for the silent auction! Registration for the event will open April 16 after beta testing is completed.

Discussion of creation of a spirit pole to be done and contributed to the silent auction. It would represent county attributes; constructed from a 4X4 pole with outdoor materials. Brenda will contact some "artsy" master gardeners to see if there is interest in creating a spirit pole. Otilia said that it may be a project the trainees could be involved with as assistants.

Vice President- Lynn Trimpe/Michelle Brown

BCMGA Membership Meetings:

April 15, 2024

Topic: Strawberries 101 for Home Gardeners

Speaker: Erica Chernoh. Erica is an Assistant Professor of Practice at Oregon State University in the department of Horticulture and based out of the OSU Extension office in Lane County. Erica's main focus is on organic and conventional production systems of hazelnuts, tree fruits, berries, and small fruits. She works with a variety of stakeholders, serving the needs of commercial farmers in the south Willamette Valley, and oversees the Master Gardener program in Lane County.

May 20, 2024

Topic: The OSU Campus Arboretum, a Historical Perspective

Speaker: Dan Blanchard, OSU Department of Horticulture. Dan is the Curator of Living Plant Collections for the Oregon State University Campus Arboretum and a horticulture instructor at OSU, where he teaches landscape plant materials classes, among others.

June garden tour is still in progress for a touring site.

Website committee- Jana Tindall

Discussion of the policy changes presented and after discussion "social media" was added to the policy language.

Motion made by Paula L. to accept the changes in the BCMGA website policy seconded Rich T. motion carried unanimously.

OMGA- Rich Taylor

OMGA vacancy

No update. Rich will write a note for the newsletter about role and responsibilities of the alternate position for OMGA.

Desk Training Update- Alan Taylor

New sign up genus in place for the Plant Desk

Revision of the training documents/procedures are completed and the committee has started refresher times for those wanting a refresh. Times for the trainees will be set up for second week in May after they have finished their classes.

Extension Report- Otilia Schreuder

Class participants need to finish Canvas prior to participating at the plant desk or Saturday Market to insure quality control and competency. Two classes left for the trainees.

Good of the Association

Approved 5-13-24

Lynn reported on the Calvin Education Garden, which was declining, and is now having a revival. Cheryl Stratton had recruited 11 trainees to a work party in the garden last Sunday and everyone worked for an hour and half and made much progress for this Hispanic garden (in spite of the rain!) Kudos to Cheryl!

Brenda noted that Rosalind Hutton participated in the OSU “Grow This! Oregon Garden Challenge”. Rosalind’s post about stringing up tomatoes had the most clicks on the site.

#### Gardening Moment

Otillia planted wildflowers in pots which are looking good, in spite of her partner thinking they were weeds when they first came up! They will provide for lots of beneficial insects.

Brenda started edamame in the Demo garden- we will see how they develop

Paula has her peas up!

Susan Hoffman will be at the Mountain View School to plant peas with the 1<sup>st</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders. Should be fun.

Adjournment @ 1040 by Brenda Bye

Submitted April 8, 2024

Cynthia Roler Co-secretary