

BCMGA Board Meeting
March 11, 2024
9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.
Agenda
In Person, Extension Meeting Room

Call to Order: Brenda Bye called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.
Attending: Marge Alig, Michelle Brown, Brenda Bye, Deb Kern, Paula Lupcho, Janet Magedanz, Richard Taylor, Lynn Trimpe, Therese Van de Graaff (A quorum was not present.)

Staff: Otilia Schreuder

Minutes

Approval of the February minutes was deferred to the April board meeting.

President's Report Brenda Bye

- Farmer's Market (FM) Table. We are currently prepared to staff the clinic table booth, on the fourth Saturday of the month, from April to November. We will set up next to the Master Food preservers booth.
- We are considering providing a clinic table one time only on a Wednesday. We are also looking at running a trial booth at the Philomath FM which is held on Sundays.
- The FM chairperson position is still vacant. Signe Danler and Gill Seid are assisting with initial coordination. A future goal is to provide a standardize process for all pop-up clinics and FM booths.
- OMGA Rep Vacancy: We have an immediate need to fill this position. It is anticipated that the Alternate OMGA Rep will assume the position of OMGA Rep in 2025. Rich T had announced previously that he would not be continuing as the Rep next year.
- The MG trainees will be meeting at the Demo Garden for a garden tour and introduction to BCMGA committees on March 23 2:00-4:00pm. Otilia stated that she does not need to have a traditional education aspect. A discussion ensued with

recommendations to include an overview of OMGA/BCMGA & Extension relationships, and a committee fair. Otilia will provide a projector and any other office materials needed. We will need a representative from each committee.

Treasurer's Report Janet Magadan

- The February financial report was presented and reviewed. Janet noted that most of the expected money from Insights has been received.

Membership Secretary Marge Alig

- The Membership Directory has been proofed by several people. Marge anticipates having a draft in a week. Per recent discussions, she has changed all references from association meetings to membership meetings.
- Marge explained that *office publisher*, the app she currently uses will no longer be supported by Microsoft starting in 2025. Many print shops have already stopped supporting it. She recommended a follow on meeting to discuss options. We need to include someone with a working knowledge of spreadsheets and graphics programs.
- Awards: We have three awards that need to be voted on at the April 8th board meeting: Behind the Scenes, Master Gardener of the Year, and Growing and Belonging. Nominations are due by April 5th. The awardees will need to be submitted on-line for OMGA/state consideration.
- **Vice President** Lynn Trimpe
- Lynn presented the following upcoming meeting topics:
 - March 25: Ebba Peterson, OSU Oregon IPM
Topic: Introduction to OSU's Solve Pest Problems Project
 - April 15: Erica Chernoh, Assistant Professor of Practice at OSU Dept of Horticulture (Lane County Extension)
Topic: Strawberries 101 for the Home Gardeners
 - May 20: Dan Blanchard, OSU Dept of Horticulture
Topic: The OSU Campus Arboretum, a Historical Perspective

OMGA Report Rich Taylor

- OMGA database for county association board members will no longer include personal addresses.
- Next edition of the OMGA newsletter will come out in June.
- Awards and Grant applications are due May 15.
- OMGA Advocacy – Laura Strom of Lincoln County has taken over the Advocacy effort from Sherry Sheng. She will be working on how to keep the MG program visible to the legislature and local governments.
- Ivory Lyles is retiring on April 30 due to family matters. Chris Elliott will be acting Vice Provost during the replacement search.
- OMGA Policies and Procedures were approved. Huge effort led by Leslie Ray. New document will go up on OMGA website.
- Cary Varela (Umatilla County) will join as Secretary. Still looking for President Elect.
- Joy of Gardening
 - Laura Strom attended the 2023 IMGC in Kansas City, where they had a display of Peace Poles constructed by various counties in Kansas. She has suggested the activity be part of the 2024 Joy of Gardening. Board discussed the suggestion that each county put together something like peace poles then included in silent auction.

Training Class of 2024

-Plant Problem Scenario (PPS) Deb Kern

- Deb said the first PPS session went well and that the trainees were very engaged.

-Mentoring and Desk Training Paula Lupcho

- Paula said they were finalizing the Tab A procedures and that just a few more mentors were needed.

Extension Report Otilia Schreuder

- Seed to Supper program is active. Books will be published and facilitator training will be available.
- Trainees can't volunteer at the desk or farmers market until they have finished with canvas assignments. May 12 is the soonest they could be ready.
- Otilia appreciates BCMGA's support with trainees class. The In person classes are very popular.
- There will be newly developed continuing education available to veteran MGs in the spring. More details to follow.

Good of the Association:

- Janet's last Gearing up for gardening presentation "The Wacky World of Garden Myths" has been posted to BCMGA YouTube page. (Link [here](#))
- Paula will be the talent for a video presentation on fire wise gardening produced by OSU's Carrie Berger (Extension Forestry).

Gardening Moment

- Otilia had to throw out Anthurium infested with aphids, but the rest of her house plants were saved.
- Deb has put worm castings on top soil of potted azalea to see if they really do deter azalea lace bug.
- At the enthusiastic prompting of Cheryl Stratton, Michelle Brown is attempting to grow shitaki mushrooms on oak logs.
- The latest Growing publication had announcements for events that had already taken place. Should submission date be changed to prevent this in the future?

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 10:39 a.m.