

FINAL

LINCOLN COUNTY MASTER GARDENER ASSOCIATION

General Meeting

November 10, 2016

Community Meeting Room, OCCC

(* indicates documents that will be attached to the final meeting minutes filed in the Secretary's notebook in the Extension MG Office)

Board Members Present: Donna Davis, Heather Fortner, Karen Jones, Mary-Ellen Townsend, Liz Olsen

Non-Board Members Present: Cathi Block, Jeff Olsen, Judie Rickus, Jill Johnson, Pam McElroy, Becky Stiles, Deanna Trail, Kristi Kind, Ron Woodard, Diana Pinto, Ann Geyer, Nancy Kloak, Eric Partlow, Paula Wenell, Elda-Lee Carnes, Larry Tapanen, Steve Fredenburg, Lynn Alexanderson, Teresa Fritsch, Matt Gallo, Jennifer Ingram, Lynne Holland, Clarita Edson, Carol Atkin, Sharon Busby, Mark Arnold, Holly Brandwen, Judy Kloos, Doug Hoffman, Marlene Shapiro, Melinda Robinson

Visitors: Shirley Fredenburg, Gary Wenell

Heather Fortner, Vice President pro tem, called the meeting to order at 10:15 a.m., and extended a welcomed to all attendees. The following announcements were made:

- It is time to renew LCMGA memberships for 2017. Please fill out the renewal form and return it (by mail or by dropping it off at the Extension Office) with a check for \$15.00 made payable to "Lincoln County Master Gardener Association" or "LCMGA". The new graduates will need to pay dues for 2017.
- The 2017 Master Gardener training classes begin on Tuesday, January 10, 2017. There will be a potluck that day, hosted by veteran MGs (including the newly minted ones). All veterans are encouraged to attend to welcome the incoming class.
- Class flyers for the 2017 MG classes are available for distribution. Class size is limited to 30 regular class members and two commercial members. Regular members pay \$220.00, and commercial members pay \$450.00. Online registration is available for those who wish to use it.
- Members are encouraged to drop off items at the Extension Office for the weekly class "giveaway."
- The food collected at this meeting will be donated to the local food pantry. Thanks to all for their generosity in helping to provide for folks in our community.
- Many thanks to the hospitality team, led by Becky Stiles, for their help with today's meeting.
- Veterans need to submit their hours by Monday, November 14, 2016, so Liz Olsen can submit them to the State MG Coordinator.
- Seal Rock Garden Club is having a greens sale on December 10, 2016.
- The International Master Gardener Convention will be held in Portland, Oregon, from July 10 - 14, 2017. Registration is now open.

Powerpoint presentations were made by Ann Geyer and Deanna Trail, detailing their respective garden projects. Ann's project was at the Oceanview Demonstration Garden, and featured various kinds of herbs from which she made herbal teas. Deanna's project was at the Yaquina Bay Lighthouse Garden, and featured straw bale gardening. Both presentations were informative and entertaining!

Website: Ann Geyer made a preview presentation of the website she and Nancy Kloak have been working on, with training classes after the holidays for folks who will be producing content.

Graduation: Liz Olsen called the graduates to the front of the room and presented them with their badges. Each graduate received a gift, and a group photo was taken. Liz described the class members as being a phenomenal, lively and dedicated group of people. She encouraged these newest veterans to participate in any way they can (class or garden coordinators, office scheduler, board membership, etc.).

Finances: Donna Davis presented information about the financial history of LCMGA, for years 2007, 2011 and 2015. The chapter's financial situation has improved dramatically during that time, from a total bank balance of \$8,887.89 in 2007 to a total bank balance of \$45,385.32 in 2015. There will be a planning session in January to determine how best to use the money in our accounts to benefit LCMGA members. At the planning meeting held in January 2016, several goals were adopted and successfully obtained, specifically the revival of the LCMGA newsletter, the rental of a storage unit for LCMGA materials, and the establishment of a four-year scholarship for a resident of Lincoln County. In addition, a variety of program events and round table discussions were made available to master gardeners and community members.

Accomplishments: Donna acknowledged the following long-time master gardeners who have been LCMGA members for:

10 years: Diana Pinto, Anna Russo, and Paula Wenell
11-15 years: Liz Olsen, Judy Butts, Sharon Casteel, Nancy and Mark Dixon, Ann Irving, Michael Noack, Dennis Jones, Eugenia Papas, and Ann Pritchett
16-19 years: Betty Bahn, Loyd and Verna Collett
25-28 years: Sally Noack, Sally Reill, Becky and Web Stiles

Awards: The following awards were presented:

OSU Extension Master Gardener Leadership Award: Sally Reill
Nominee for State Master Gardener of the Year: Cathi Block
Lincoln County Master Gardener of the Year: Heather Fortner
Behind the Scenes Award: Becky and Web Stiles
President's Award: Michael Christy
Special Recognition Award: Ann Geyer
Early Bloomer Awards: Doug Hoffman, Judy Kloos, Carita Edson
Above and Beyond the Call of Duty Awards: Matt Gallo, Steve Fredenburg
Garden Gnome Award: Elda-Lee Carnes, for detailed research and scholarly approach to her project
The Only Student To Ever Grow Ripe Tomatoes at the Yachats Garden Award: Carita Edson

Amendments to Bylaws: Heather presented the following changes to the LCMGA bylaws and called for a motion to accept the changes:

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ARTICLE II – PURPOSE

3. To award scholarships for post-secondary education in fields which provide leadership in the use of effective and environmentally responsible horticultural techniques. Scholarships will be based on merit.

ARTICLE X – MISCELLANEOUS

1. Lincoln County Master Gardener Association (LCMGA) prohibits discrimination in all its programs, services, activities, and materials on the basis of race, color, national origin, religion, sex, gender identify (including gender expression), sexual orientation, disability, age, marital status, familial/parental status, income derived from a public assistance program, political beliefs, genetic information, veteran’s status, reprisal or retaliation for prior civil rights activity.

It was moved and seconded to accept the changes to the bylaws, and the vote to do so was unanimous.

Election of 2017 LCMGA Board Members: The following slate of officers were presented:

President:	Donna Davis
Vice President:	Deanna Trail
Secretary:	Kristi Kind
Treasurer:	Sharon Busby
Historian:	Mary-Ellen Townsend
OMGA Representative:	Ann Geyer
Past-President:	Pat Shaw (not in attendance)
Ex-Officio Member:	Liz Olsen

Heather Fortner moved to accept the slate of officers as indicated above, Doug Hoffman seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous.

President Donna Davis thanked the new board for its willingness to serve, and thanked those attending for their vote of confidence. She also thanked the outgoing board members for their service: Karen Jones (Secretary), Emily Blume (Treasurer), and Heather Fortner, OMGA Representative.

There being no further business to come before the group, the meeting was adjourned at 11:35 p.m., and was followed by a potluck luncheon.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Jones, LCMGA Secretary