



Jackson County Master Gardeners Announcements

November 2023

Member Services Working Group Survey

- A short survey will be sent to JCMGA current and past members November 1st
- Please take the time to complete the online survey
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Winter Dreams Summer Gardens 2023 (via Zoom)

- November 3rd and 4th

You can still register for Winter Dreams Summer Gardens 2023

<https://jacksoncountymga.org/winter-dreams-summer-gardens-symposium/>

Winter Dreams Summer Gardens 2023 Satisfaction Survey

- Will be sent to those who registered, and the data will be used for planning the Winter Dreams Summer Gardens 2024

JCMGA Membership Renewal for 2024 begins November 6th.

- Remember to be included in the JCMGA Chapter Directory, you need to renew your membership by January 31, 2024.

JCMGA Chapter Directory Photo Contest

- We will again have a Photo Contest in January 2024. The photo chosen will be used for the front cover of the 2024 JCMGA Chapter Directory.



The Presidents Corner

"November"

By Marcie Katz

November is here, and the year is winding down. Leaves are turning brilliant colors, plants are concluding their life cycles, and nature is going into hibernation. After the holidays are over, thoughts of feasts and festivities will be tucked back into the recesses of our minds like Christmas ornaments in the attic.

November is a time for reflecting on what the year has brought us, both good and bad. That is true for organizations like the Master Gardener Association also. We enter each new year with the expectation that our organization will be as strong, if not stronger, as before. But unexpected things happen, as we all remember the changes Covid brought: diminished membership renewal, abbreviated MG classes, limited garden upkeep, etc. As we were just getting back to normal, the drought came and literally dried up our well.

Thank goodness for our leadership in those trying years. Each January we start with a new Board of Directors – elected in November – who lead us on. They take on the duties needed to keep the organization running for another year, keeping house so our family can come together to have events like the Spring Garden Fair, Picnic, Fall Harvest Festival and the Practicum. Our leaders deal with internal issues and make decisions; they are the heads of the family with the relatives branching out in all directions coming to them with wants and needs. Ours is a family of volunteers. They are dedicated to preserving the Master Gardener way, using science to educate and bring gardening information to the people.

Without our volunteer Board of Directors, there would be no Master Gardener Association.

This year, please consider running for the board as an officer or member-at-large. Without a Board of Directors, our chapter would be dissolved and the hard-earned money that we share with our community through scholarships, grants, and classes would be given directly to the OMGA. No one wants to see this happen! If no one volunteers to run for open positions on the board, especially for the President Elect position, it could happen to our chapter.

The President Elect stays on the board for three years (President Elect the first year, President the second year, and Past President the third year). The Board meets once a month for under 3 hours with a great group of people. You would be at the center of what makes this organization work and have the satisfaction of helping the dedicated Jackson County Master Gardeners keep going and pursuing our mission.

As outgoing President, I have enjoyed my tenure. I am an "event person", so my agenda was to positively push for having a new, redesigned Spring Garden Fair and to try a Fall Harvest Festival. Both were experiments because we held the fairs on SOREC property. Whatever you are passionate about could be on your agenda.

I beseech each of you to seriously consider running for President Elect *this November*. Write yourself in or contact Barbara Low to get on the ballot. Without a President elect for 2024, there will not be a President for 2025 and we will be in default of our by-laws, meaning no more Jackson County Master Gardener Association.



Coordinator's Column

By Grace Florjancic

Hello Gardeners,

As we move into November, the cold weather creeps up on us. We spend less time working out in our gardens, in favor of staying warm and cozy indoors. However, there are still plenty of things we can do to nourish and care for

ourselves over the winter in preparation for a busy spring gardening schedule. Two important items on that list are 1) exercising and 2) assessing our tools.

Gardening is a great form of exercising from our arms down to our toes. Gardeners spend all growing season lifting, squatting, and pushing heavy objects across our gardens. We don't want to lose any of our strength and flexibility over the wintertime. We don't need to train like a sports star but throwing in a couple of exercises each week can have big results. Starting the morning off with an easy stretch or exercise can help awaken any joints that are stiff from lack of movement while asleep. There are many free resources for simple at-home exercises to help keep us in shape and prevent future gardening injuries.

Winter is also a great time to go through our tools and see what needs cleaning, sharpening, or replacing. Consider modifying your tools or replacing them to become more ergonomic. Many ergonomic gardening tools have either a curved handle or have the tool at a 90-degree angle to the handle. This shape reduces strain on our wrists. Ergonomic tools tend to have a wider handle for an easier grip. There are ways to add material like foam to tool handles to increase their size. Some larger tools like shovels have a round handle at the end for an easier hold.

Food Hero Exercises

Aerobic Activity - <https://foodhero.org/magazines/older-adults-focus-aerobic-activity>

Balance - <https://foodhero.org/magazines/older-adults-focus-balance>

Flexibility - <https://foodhero.org/magazines/older-adults-focus-flexibility>

Strength - <https://foodhero.org/magazines/older-adult-focus-strength>

Level Up Class

The Healthy Gardener - https://media.oregonstate.edu/media/t/1_bqwste6p

OSU

Walk With Ease - <https://extension.oregonstate.edu/walk-ease>

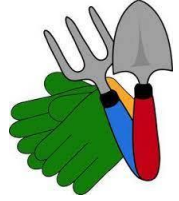
Better Bones and Balance - <https://extension.oregonstate.edu/bbb/participant-resources>

Ergonomic Tool Examples



November in the Garden

By Barbara Low

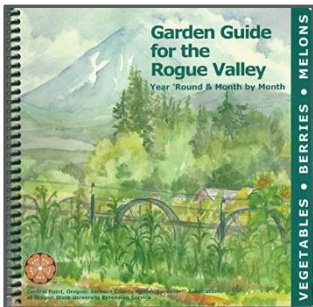


I am continuing this series of articles and hope that you find them helpful and inspiring. In November, there is quite a bit to do in the garden depending on what you want to grow. Time to make sure that we are ready for winter. By caring for our gardens, we are also caring for ourselves – physically, mentally, and emotionally.

The Jackson County Master Gardener Association has a great resource for gardeners to use. It is the *Garden Guide for the Rogue Valley – Year-Round & Month by Month*. This great reference book for gardeners is mainly about growing vegetables, berries, and melons.

November is the time to:

- Time to provide protection for the watering system. Make sure to drain the lines and protect the faucets and valves from freezing.
- Check drainage in case of heavy rains.
- Tie trailing cane berries to wires. Prune fall-bearing raspberries. Good time to apply manure to berries.
- Still time to plant garlic and shallots – weather and soil conditions permitting.
- Remember to keep a cold frame producing with lettuce and other greens.



Garden Guide for the Rogue Valley – Year-Round & Month by Month. This book contains a wealth of gardening information. You can purchase it at our local Grange Co-op or at the OSU Extension office for \$21.00. It can also be purchased on-line at <https://jacksoncountymga.org/shop/>. Note that a shipping fee will be applied.

Happy Gardening

Garden For Life

The Fig Grove

By Janine Salvatti



You are invited to visit our little fig grove, tucked waaaaay back in the northwest corner of the Demonstration Gardens. A sorry-looking bramble had been concealing seven varieties of delicious figs. From their sad state the sweet figs called to the Garden Enhancement Committee (GEC) to adopt them. The wild growth was pruned away, the 5-foot weeds were replaced with cardboard and wood chips, and slowly the grove appears to be coming back to life in time for its winter sleep.

Our grove still needs work. The trees are crowded and much too tall for the fruit to be enjoyed by anyone but the lucky birds. But spring will see the GEC embark on the next phase of maintenance. The trees are beautiful – almost tropical looking – and fortunately for us, hardy

and forgiving!

If you are interested in helping maintain the fig grove, please email or text either

- Janine Salvatti (lesandjanine@gmail.com 541-973-7456)
- Marcie Katz (marciek10@gmail.com 541-301-8464).

Many hands make light work!



Jackson County Master Gardeners Archivist Open Position

By Linda Holder

Now you can become a part of the permanent history of the Jackson County Master Gardener Association!

Our archival collection of records, photographs, scrapbooks, newsletters, and much more dates to our beginning in 1979. The role of archivist is to curate this important collection by directing researchers to needed information. By selecting and storing new information of day-to-day activities, the archivist also captures the ongoing work that is accomplished by our wonderful gardening members.

The archivist-elect position is open next year, working first with our current archivist, Pam Hillers, then moving into the archivist position in 2025.

For additional information, please contact either:

- Pam Hillers, archivist at pamhillers@hotmail.com
- Linda Holder, previous archivist at lholder@charter.net.

We'd love to talk to you!

IT'S MEMBERSHIP
RENEWAL TIME!



It is time to renew your Jackson County
Master Gardener Membership for 2024!

Remember that to be included in the
2024 JCMGA Chapter Directory, you need to
renew your membership by
January 31, 2024.

It's a great deal at just \$25!

You may renew on the Member Portal of the website
<https://jacksoncountymga.org/membership-renewal/>.
Specific renewal directions will be sent via MailChimp
on November 6th.

Contact Barbara Low, temporary Membership Secretary, if you
have any questions at barbaralow@msn.com.

Oregon State University Garden Ecology Lab Brief

Sherry Sheng

What Does the Garden Ecology Lab Do?

The Oregon State University Garden Ecology Lab was founded in 2017 to advance our understanding of how to plan, plant, and manage garden systems to promote environmental and human health. We are one of two labs in the United States, and the only one in the Western half of the United States, to specifically focus on studies of garden ecology. People studying ‘garden ecology’ conduct research in private garden spaces, in addition to community gardens which are easier to access. Research in both private and public garden spaces provides a broader view of how garden management and design influences ecological outcomes. In addition to researching plants, soils, microbes, etc., the OSU Garden Ecology Lab looks into the full supply and management chain that influences gardens: nursery producers, landscapers, gardeners, etc.

What Has the Garden Ecology Lab Discovered?

Much of our work is centered on garden insects, which are excellent models for studying urban biodiversity, species’ responses to environmental change, and food-web and ecological function in garden habitats. We have also branched out into social science, soil science, and microbiology. Because of our work on native plants, we are delving deeper into the botanical sciences, including studies of plant physiology.

Uniting our work is a common interest in urban ecology. This is timely, given regional, national, and global urbanization trends. In six short years, we have made many novel and important contributions to the sciences. Specifically, we have:

- Identified 10 **Pacific Northwest Native plants** that are most attractive to bees ([peer refereed publication](#)).
- Found that gardeners generally didn’t prefer bee-attractive native plants ([peer refereed publication](#)).
- Developed an infographic to help raise gardener acceptance of bee-attractive native plants ([peer reviewed Extension document](#)).
- Identified five **Pacific Northwest Native plants** that are most attractive to **predator and parasitoid insects** (journal publication and Extension document in preparation).
- Studied how cultivation of **native plants and native cultivars** affects bee, syrphid fly, and butterfly visitation (award-winning scientific posters in [2022](#) and [2023](#), with two journal publications in preparation).

- Studied how cultivation of native plants and native cultivars affects plant traits that are important to bees, such as nectar volume, pollen nutrition, UV guides (journal publication in preparation).
- Studied how cultivation of native plants and native cultivars affects the use of flowers as nest site materials in leaf-cutting bees (journal publication in preparation).
- Developed a technique that scientists can use to take **bee-vision** photos of flowers outdoors. Examples include a [group art gallery show](#) at OSU, a solo art gallery show at the [Pine Meadows Ranch for Art and Agriculture in Sisters](#), and an OSU Honor's thesis, and journal publication in review.
- Assayed the physical, chemical, and biological characteristics of vegetable garden **soils** tended by Master Gardeners, and found that excessive fertility was the norm ([peer refereed publication](#)).
- Extended the urban soils study by further characterizing garden soil bacteria, and the extent to which microbes transfer to and influence **gardeners' skin microbiome** ([peer refereed publication](#))
- Identified the **bee communities of Portland-area gardens** ([iNaturalist guide](#), with a social media campaign, species guide, and journal publication-in preparation)
- Compiled and analyzed the global list of garden bees, to identify the bee types that are favored versus excluded in garden systems ([peer refereed publication in press](#))
- Identified the **potential value of gardens as conservation areas for pollinators**, in a mixed agriculture and urban landscape ([peer refereed publication](#))

What Are Our Future Plans?

Future work will be guided and informed by you – gardeners who can help determine high priority questions that our lab could address within our areas of expertise or with collaboration. Potential ideas for future studies include:

- Determining the pollination and predation impacts of syrphid flies in gardens.
- Studying the carry-over effect of garden trees for urban cooling and moderation of urban dust, from garden sites where trees are planted to areas outside of property boundaries.
- Studying the trade-off between letting summer lawns go dormant and urban heat, versus watering summer lawns, and evapo-transpirative (ET) cooling. This study would also examine the trade-off between urban heat and ET cooling with alternative lawn plantings.
- Studying how mixed- versus single-species plantings of pollinator attractive plants influence garden pollinator communities.

We are collaborating on two projects that are somewhat ancillary to residential gardening systems, but whose outcomes are likely to benefit gardeners who grow food in apartment buildings or on rooftop gardens. Our collaborators are:

- University of Oregon architects: to develop model designs for closed-loop, building integrated agriculture systems that use heat and water waste from high-rise buildings to

grow food. We are testing prototype urban agriculture window 'beds' on the fifth floor of the [PAE Living Building](#) in Portland, OR.

- OSU Nursery Plant Physiologists: to grow a hydroponics training program in Oregon. This work is focused on commercial growers but could also benefit home-growers.

What Does it Cost to Run the Garden Ecology Lab Research Program?

It costs \$106,000 annually to host two graduate students and pay for research expenses. These students work under the guidance of Dr. Langellotto, Lab Director and Professor of Horticulture, on a variety of projects. The OSU Horticulture Department underwrites student tuition which reduces our annual fundraising goal to \$86,000.

Please consider contributing to support garden research. If you use a check, please write **Oregon Garden Research Fund, Acct 4100-16055** in the check memo line. If you contribute in other ways, please add this note in the appropriate location. Mail to:

Oregon State University Foundation
4238 SW Research Way
Corvallis, OR 97333.

If you donate with a credit card, go to <https://give.fororegonstate.org/PL1Uv3Fkug>, select the amount and frequency, then type in **Oregon Garden Research Fund** under "I want to give to". Complete the rest of the form.

Contributions are tax-deductible per IRS rules. Oregon State University's federal tax ID is 93-6022772

We Need Your Help!

Barbara Low

Ballots for the 2024 JCMGA Board have been sent out. Voting ends November 4th. You should have received your ballot via email from info@jacksoncountymga.org on Oct. 23.

Unfortunately, no one has volunteered to run for President-Elect or Assistant Treasurer on the Board of Directors. These are two important positions. As the President, you would be at the center of what makes this organization work and have the satisfaction of helping the dedicated Jackson County Master Gardeners pursue our mission. As Assistant Treasurer, you will support and aid the Treasurer and serve on the Budget Committee.

The President-Elect position is a three-year commitment. After serving the first year as President-Elect, the next year this person becomes President. The following year, he or she becomes Past-President and works with the incoming President-elect. There are specific duties for each year – as listed in the [JCMGA Bylaws on the Member Portal](#) of the JCMGA website. There is a binder to go along with each position. As the 2024 President, I would work closely with the 2024 President-Elect. The position is not overwhelming, and we are always here to help in any way. This position could also be done by 2 people – co-President-Elects.

The Assistant Treasurer position is also listed in the JCMGA Bylaws. That person will learn from and help the JCMGA Treasurer. This position has a one-year term.

To continue to be a viable organization we need to fill these positions. If you are interested or have any questions, please contact me at barbaralow@msn.com.

Please seriously consider being a part of our JCMGA Board!

Are You NOT Receiving Emails from the Jackson County Master Gardener Association?

Keltie Nelson

Emails sent from the JCMGA to our members are sent from “Jackson County Master Gardener Association” at info@jacksoncountymga.org. If you are not receiving our emails, the first thing to do is check your spam, promotion, or junk email folders. If you find the emails there, create a contact for “Jackson County Master Gardener Association” and under the e-mail field, enter info@jacksoncountymga.org. Emails from “Jackson County Master Gardener Association” should now show up in your inbox because the program considers the sender to be a known contact.

If you still do not see the emails there, please contact Keltie Nelson at kknelson2@charter.net so that she can investigate and solve the problem.

Cranacopia

By Sydney Jordan Brown, The Gardening Gourmet

While taking time to give thanks for our great bounty this month, we might include *Viburnum opulus* var. *americanum*, the highbush cranberry.

If you've ever dreamed of making Thanksgiving cranberry sauce from your own fruit, dream no more. While lowbush (the true cranberry) cranberries likely wouldn't grow here, highbush cranberries can.



Variously called squashberry, mooseberry, moosewood viburnum, lowbush cranberry, few-flowered highbush cranberry, pembina, pimbina, or moosomin (in Cree Language), highbush cranberries (not a true cranberry) produce red fruits very much like the traditional true cranberry bush. Both high- and lowbush cranberries are North American natives.

Although the fruit (or drupes) strongly resemble true cranberries in taste, appearance, and autumn maturing, these two plants are quite different. While lowbush cranberries are in the *Ericaceae*, heather or heath family, the highbush is in the *Caprifoliaceae*, honeysuckle family. This family has some 400 species with 11 trees and many shrubs, all native to North America.

Highbush cranberries can be found across the US and Canada: from Alaska to Oregon in the west, and east to northern Virginia, with isolated populations in New Mexico. The Natural Resources Conservation Service lists highbush cranberries as “endangered” in Indiana, “rare” in Pennsylvania, and “threatened” in Ohio.

An important staple, Native Americans consumed them fresh and dried, especially in pemmican. They also used the bark for coughs and digestive disorders, leaves and twigs to gargle for sore throats, and stems for birch-bark basket rims.

Today we can dry them and use them as true cranberries for making jams, jellies, juices, and, of course, the traditional Thanksgiving cranberry sauce. Like true cranberries, they have high vitamin C, phytonutrients, and anthocyanin content. The American variety, which can be identified by convex petiole tops where they meet the leaf blade, is the edible variety. The berries of the *Viburnum opulus* var. *Americanum* do have a mild toxicity, so that eating large

amounts could cause stomach upset. Inedible European varieties have concave petioles with sunken tops. Although challenging, make sure you know which you're getting if you want edible fruit!

Topping out at 8 to 10 feet tall, and similarly wide, American highbush cranberries make wonderful edible landscape shrubs with attractive woody bark and glossy, dark green, slightly crinkled, maple-like leaves that turn red-gold or purplish-red in autumn. They prefer filtered afternoon light, and rich, moist, well-drained soil, though they are drought tolerant. Short drip-line sprayers do best to keep surrounding soil wet but not too soggy.

May to June brings a bounty of two different petite-white flowers. The outer, very showy ring of 5 petal florets is sterile, but within them are similarly-shaped smaller 1/4" clusters of fertile florets. *Viburnum* are pollinated by wind and insects. Fruiting starts at about 5 years. After flowering, fruits form in green clusters, turning to ruby-red by late August-September. They'll not only stay on the bush, but also will taste best when harvested after a frost. This makes them sweeter, more intensely flavored, and easier to pick than their ground-hugging counterparts. Plus, you'll get rave reviews for growing the berries for that traditionally expected Thanksgiving sauce. Enjoy!

Highbush Cranberry Sauce

Ingredients

3 cups highbush cranberries, stems removed and put through food mill or food processor then a sieve to remove seeds and stems

1 quince fruit, washed and diced

¾ to 1 cup organic sugar, honey or agave

Zest and juice from one each organic orange and lemon

1/2 cup port wine or organic apple juice

2 tablespoons fresh minced ginger root

1 teaspoon ground cinnamon

1/8 teaspoon ground cloves

¼ teaspoon ground allspice

1/8 teaspoon sea salt

Pour cranberry pulp into a medium to large, heavy pot along with quince and all other ingredients. Bring mixture to a boil while stirring. Turn heat down to medium-low or to a bubbling simmer. Cook for about 20-30 minutes until mixture is thick like jam. If still thin, cook another 10-15 minutes until thick.

Let mixture cool. Pour into sterilized jars or storage container(s). Keeps refrigerated for about 2 weeks or can be frozen. Use warm or cold.

Resources:

The University of Maine

<https://extension.umaine.edu/cranberries/highbush-cranberry/>

Native Plants PNW

<https://nativeplantspnw.com/highbush-cranberry-viburnum-edule/>

Edible Wild Food

<https://www.ediblewildfood.com/highbush-cranberry.aspx>

Washington College

<https://www.washcoll.edu/learn-by-doing/food/plants/adoxaceae/viburnum-trilobum.php#:~:text=The%20berries%20of%20the%20Viburnum,cooked%20into%20jams%20and%20jellies>

Plant Sources:

Note: Some sources sell this bush under its old name *Viburnum trilobum* instead of *Viburnum opulus*.

One Green World

<http://www.onegreenworld.com>

They have American highbush and Kalinka (Ukrainian sweeter variety).

Raintree Nursery

<http://www.raintreenursery.com>

They have Kalinka and Ukraine varieties.

Seed Donation

Jane Moyer

Artichokes, beans, celery, dill, and everything to zucchini! Ferry-Morse Seed Co. donated boxes and boxes of 2023 seeds to ACCESS, the Community Action Agency of Jackson County. In turn, ACCESS donated them to the Jackson Co. Master Gardener Association. Marsha Waite organized seed packets to make it easy to see what was available.

The Master Gardener Practicum took multiple varieties of tomatoes, peppers, squash, melons, cucumbers, and a multitude of other veggies, plus ornamentals, while barely making a dent in the supply. Seed-to-Supper also took a share to use next spring in the S2S program. Seeds will be soon offered to the GEMs for use in the gardens. And finally, in January, seeds will be made available to students in the 2024 class.

In addition to the seeds, the donation included bags of Jiffy Seed Starting Mix and containers with trays for seed starting. Practicum will put these supplies to good use and save money in the process. Many thanks go out to ACCESS and Ferry-Morse!



November JCMGA Working Groups Summaries

Community Outreach Working Group

- Worked on the Budget Request for 2024
- Special Events:
 - The Builders Association welcomes JCMGA's participation in their home shows in Josephine County in February and at Expo in May. There would be no charge for a booth, but they ask for our help in advertising the events. Ronnie Budge suggested the booth could be like the one JCMGA developed for Medford Open Streets in Hawthorne Park. When Colet Allen meets with the president of the Josephine Co. MGA, she will ask about their participation in the Jo. Co. home show in 2022, specifically if they presented "webinars" or other programming.
- Friends of the Gardens:
 - Colet reported that Grace Florjancic needs to finish some administrative details before the new Friends program can begin. The COWG may assist the Member Services WG with other planning.
- Speakers Bureau:
 - Colet is still working on training new speakers. Although the Jackson County Library wanted to have a winter series of gardening programs, no JCMGA members volunteered to present. However, there will be a spring gardening series. Topics: Butterflies; Beneficial Insects; Native Grasses. Recent presenters were disappointed by the small attendance at both in-person and Zoom library programs. Colet will discuss this with library representative Spencer Ellis. It was recommended that if speakers have handouts to share (whether with in-person or Zoom audiences), they be distributed after the presentations and not before.
- School Grants:
 - John Kobal is trying to reach every school in Jackson County to let them know about the grants and the application deadline of November 3. Once applications are received, committee members will visit the schools in person to learn more about their proposals before awards are made.

FUNDRAISING WORKING GROUP

chair is Sandy Hammond

The JCMGA first Fall Festival was a success.

Garden Enhancement Working Group

Chair, Janine Salvatti

We are continuing to work in the gardens and are now getting them ready for the cooler temperatures.

Marketing and Technology Working Group

chair is Marcia Harris

Marcia is stepping down as chair. We are looking for someone to take her place.

Member Services Working Group

chair is Barbara Low

The MG Class of 2023 Graduation Celebration is on November 4 from 5:30-8:00 p.m. in the auditorium at the SOREC Extension.

We are sending out a survey to our current and past members to find out what they like about JCMGA and what they would like to have improved. This will be a very short survey.

Program Support Working Group

Chair is Grace Florjancic

We are entering the busy season for the Program Support Working Group. Much is happening with planning for the 2024 year. We are scheduling speakers for the community education classes, scheduling locations for Seed to Supper classes, and finalizing details for the 2024 MG Training class. Reach out to Grace Florjancic grace.florjancic@oregonstate.edu if you are interested in joining the Program Support Working Group. There is much to do to get the community education classes rolling!

Winter Dreams Summer Gardens Working Group

chairs are Colet Allen, Susan Koenig, and Barbara Low

Registration is now open Winter Dreams Summer Gardens 2023 Symposium. This virtual event will be October 27, 28, November 3, and 4.

The links for the recordings will be sent out the week of November 5th.

There will be a satisfaction survey sent out the week of November 5th and the data collected will be used to plan for next year's Winter Dreams Summer Gardens.

**Jackson County Master Gardener Association
Board of Directors Meeting
Minutes
September 11, 2023**

The Board of Directors meeting was called to order by Zoom at 9:30 a.m. with President Marcie Katz presiding.

Board Members Present in person: Marcie Katz, Barbara Low, Jane Moyer, Colet Allen, Sandy Hammond, Janine Salvatti, Lucy Pylkki, Cassandra Toews, Rob MacWhorter, Pam Hillers, Grace Florjancic

Board Members Present by Zoom: Sandy Hansen, Sean Cawley, Ronnie Budge, Regula Pepi, Trina Stout, Dee Copley

Absent: Margaret Saydah, Keltie Nelson, Marcia Harris, Kathy Apple

Guests Present in Person: Heidi Gehman

Guests Present by Zoom: Sherri Morgan, Nicole Smith, Lynn Kunstman

Consent Agenda: Ronnie Budge asked two questions:

1. In the Finance Report, what does "PST" mean? Treasurer Sean Cawley will provide

the answer at the October meeting.

2. Revenue to date for Winter Dreams Summer Gardens was provided in the Finance

Report but not included on the pie chart. Treasurer Sean Cawley explained the pie

chart only shows revenue through the end of July. It will be included on the next one.

Ronnie Budge moved and Lucy Pylkki seconded the Consent Agenda be approved. Passed

Additions to the Agenda: Barbara Low asked that By-laws Committee and board meeting minutes be added to the agenda.

Approval of Agenda: **Marcie Katz moved to have the agenda approved as amended. Janine Salvatti seconded. Motion passed.**

Approval of Minutes: Barbara Low pointed out Colet Allen's name was misspelled in the list of board members present at the August board meeting. Barbara Low also pointed out it was decided she would not attend the Jackson Co. Commissioners meeting. **Pam Hillers moved and Cassandra Toews seconded the July board meeting minutes be approved as corrected. Passed.**

Announcements:

1. Janine Salvatti reported a workshop will be held September 15 in Greenhouse #2 for making glass mosaic garden art. It will be open to Master Gardeners and the public. Participants can find the supply list in the August *Garden Beet* and by Mail Chimp. Plastic left over from the picnic will be used to cover the tables. The Gardens Enhancement Committee will prepare the greenhouse.
2. Barbara Low reported 60 people made reservations for the picnic but only 50 attended. Joe Alvord stepped in at the last minute to cook.
3. Sandy Hammond reminded board members the Fall Festival will be held October 14. Setup will be Friday, October 13. Plant sale booths will be located in the parking lot. All other sales will be in Greenhouse #2, including holiday items.
4. Barbara Low announced a nominating committee is needed for 2024 officers. Board members who volunteered include Barbara, Kathy Apple, Lucy Pylkki, and Colet Allen. Nominations will be announced at the October board meeting.
5. Barbara Low asked all Working Groups to check the website for accuracy of any information pertaining to them.
6. Extension Office Manager Heidi Gehman explained the new facilities rental agreement (See Attachment #1). The rental agreement will be in force for a trial

year. There will be reduced or no rental fees for groups affiliated with SOREC (Master

Gardeners, Food Preservers, 4-H, Land Stewards, etc.) at Heidi's discretion except for

fund-raising events. After the first year, the rental for fund-raising events may

become a set fee plus a percentage of the proceeds. Pop-up Sales will require a

conversation with Heidi and will be charged at her discretion depending on the needs.

7. Heidi was also asked about the Josephine Co. Extension. When the commissioners

cancelled all Extension funding, they didn't seem to realize Extension included

programs other than 4-H. Master Gardener-Coordinator Danielle Knueple has

resigned. In Jackson Co., there have been issues for some 4-H families that are

unhappy with changes being made. However, one commissioner expressed gratitude

for the attention given to address these issues, including two large public meetings

with Dr. Ivory Lyles and other 4-H leadership from OSU. Lena Hosking, 4-H

Coordinator and Stephen McIntire, Program Assistant have both resigned. The

positions will be posted.

Coordinator's Report: MG Coordinator Grace Florjancic reported

1. all Master Gardeners (both perennial and students) should turn in their hours for
November 1, 2022--October 31, 2023 as soon as possible by recording them in the
online VRS (https://vrs.osumg.org/sec_Login/) or by giving Grace a paper copy.
Working group and committee chairs are asked to let Grace know about any
opportunities for students to earn hours.
2. she will be working 4 hrs./week with the Josephine Co. Master Gardener Program
until they hire a new coordinator.
3. Plant A Row has collected almost 300 lbs. of produce for ACCESS.
Barbara Low has
been transporting it when ACCESS couldn't come get it. Sean Cawley has
donated
from the Vegetable Demonstration Garden.

Discussion items:

1. Sherri Morgan reported on the last SOREC Advisory Committee meeting:
Alec Levin is
planning to enlarge the committee by adding more community members,
the Creepy
Old House will be coming down, Alec will be getting plans drawn for the
grounds
improvements including a pavilion, Gordon Jones has transferred to
Crook County.
2. President-elect Barbara Low asked to have the Bylaws Committee do an
annual
review as prescribed in Policy 1.2 and Article IV Section 4. In addition to
Barbara,
members will include Kathy Apple, Sandy Hansen, and Jane Moyer. Pam
Hillers
suggested the Bylaws Committee should be a standing committee rather
than ad hoc.
This will be discussed at the October meeting.

Motion Items:

1. Barbara Low reported an evaluation of Question Pro that JCMGA uses for surveys, is

due. After discussion of the benefits, **Ronnie Budge moved and Colet Allen seconded**

that a positive evaluation be given. Passed.

2. Jane Moyer reported the donor of the \$10,000 grant, would like to have a ground

plaque placed in the Lavender Garden to acknowledge their contribution. Kendyl

Berkowitz has provided a suggested format

(<https://www.donor-recognitions.com/Cast-Aluminum-Plaques-p/castplaqueal.htm>).

Kendyl thinks she

can get the donor, Fortune Brand, to pay for the plaque. **Cassandra Toews moved and**

Janine Salvatti seconded that JCMGA accept the suggested format for the plaque.

The motion passed.

3. **Barbara Low moved and Cassandra Toews seconded that approved board meeting**

minutes be included in *The Garden Beet* with *The Garden Beet* publisher editing as

needed. Motion passed.

4. **Barbara Low, on behalf of the Member Services Working Group and the Community**

Outreach Working Group, moved the Friends of the Gardens proposal (Attachment

#2) be accepted by the board. Unanimous approval.

MEETING ADJOURNED: President Marcie Katz adjourned the meeting at 11:23.

NEXT MEETING: Board Meeting Friday, October 13, 2023, 9:00 chit-chat, 9:30 meeting

Submitted by Jane Moyer, Recording Secretary