

January 2023 Foundation Meeting

## Master Gardener Foundation of Yakima County Meeting



### Followed by Yakima County Master Gardener Program Meeting Agenda for January 11, 2023 / 10:31 AM

Note Location Change: Extension Office, Large Conference Room

Twenty-eight members attended including board members : Melody Westmoreland-Past President, Debra Kroon – President, Gilbert Plascencia – Treasurer, Pat Bombard – Secretary, Dick Larson and Mike Wood – Members at Large, Also attending : Program Coordinator Patty Ratzlaff

#### Foundation Meeting Call to Order

#### Call for Additional Agenda Items

#### Opening Remarks Debra Kroon, President

**Approval of Minutes from December 14, 2022 by Debra Kroon, President** No discussion. Jenny Mansfield moved to except minutes. Beatrice Reiss seconded. Motion carried.

**Treasurer Report (reports sent via email) by Gilbert Plascencia, Treasurer** – Gilbert brought extra paper copies. Points made were \$30,000 to Edward Jones. End of year ended good with Gilbert's \$30,000 Grant and Pat Bombard's \$5000 prize donation. Vanguard lost \$23,000 so we'll see what happens this year. Green House was depreciated \$14,600 for usage for another year. Deanna Husch moved to except report. John Strong seconded. Motion carried.

**Greenhouse Lorie Harrison/Camille Smith/Skip Brockman** Lorie researched soil trying to find a local source. The company is called Wapaca Northwest, it's in Parker. The cost per pallet is \$224.00 it has 50 bags at \$4.48 per bag of 1.5 cu ft. of loose soil. The Sunshine potting mix is 2.2 cu ft with compacted soil when fluffed up it's 4 cu ft at a cost of \$32.00 per bale.

The Wapaca soil is so much cheaper 3 bags = 4.5 cu ft at a cost of \$13.44 a savings of \$18.00 per bale. If we purchased 50 bales of Sunshine it would be \$1600.00 + tax. Wapaca 3 pallets of 50 bags = 225 cu ft @ \$224.00 a pallet = \$672.00 HUGE SAVINGS. Angela planted some plants to test drive.

#### **.Plant Sale Deanna Husch/Susie Walters**

**Plant Sale Meeting January 18 @2:30 at the Red Barn following class** – Deanna reminded us about the meeting after class on January 18<sup>th</sup>. Signs, banners, and T-shirts will be discussed. Bring your ideas!

### **New Business:**

**Foundation Logo by John Strong** John informed us that the state Foundation has a new logo on their website. He showed us the design of an outline of Washington done in green. John proposed a similar logo for our Yakima logo of an outline of Yakima County with grapes. Suggested that it might be used for more than just Foundation. Color of Outline was discussed. Melody Westmoreland made a motion to accept logo design with details later. Julie Hunziker seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**2023-2024 Foundation Elections Melody Westmoreland** – Elections are in April. Melody Westmoreland mentioned that she has asked to be on the agenda every month to encourage members to run for office. We need members to think about President and Secretary especially that need to be filled. It's hard to run our Foundation without those jobs. Gilbert has volunteered to run for Treasurer again. If you need to see job descriptions of any of the board member jobs let Melody know and she will send them to you. Debra volunteered to mentor anyone running for President (no matter how many!).

### **Old Business:**

**NWFGS-Booth Debra Kroon** – We are sponsoring a booth at the Northwest Flower and Garden Show in Seattle February 15-19 along with many other counties. Debra shared that we could have Cards out for the public to take about our county. She had mockups that she shared. Picture of the demo garden and contact information on the front and plant sale and demo/heirloom classes info on the back. She might try to squeeze in food garden class info if they decide on them. Melody Westmoreland made a motion to approve, Sheila Gunderson seconded. Debra needs to get to printer on the 13<sup>th</sup>. Motion passed.

### **Conclude Foundation Meeting (10:55)**

### **Master Gardener Program Meeting\*\* Team Updates & Reports**

**Program Coordinator Patty Ratzlaff**

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50<sup>th</sup> Year Celebration Resources are now available at  
<https://mastergardener.wsu.edu/50th-resources/>



## 1) 2022 Intern Recap

Congratulations to our 9 graduates!

### MG GRADUATES!

Laura Willett

Kelli Barton

Sara Holtzinger

Patty Fendall

Janet Jones

Shelly Oshie

Lucy Stevens

Marcie Chandler

Janet Roberts

### Interns

Chyla Meacham

Julia Wood

Ritva Kinzel

2022 Recap: 19 Trainees

9 graduates

3 Continue on 2 year plan

7 dropped the class

## 2) Program Coordinator Meeting & Mission Driven updates

- In celebration of our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and with thanks to the Master Gardener Foundation of Washington State and its affiliated chapters, the WSU Extension Master Gardener Program has the privilege of sponsoring judge, Ross Bayton, Director of Heronswood Garden at the 2023 NWFGF. The sponsorship allows us the opportunity to host a double booth for the duration of the festival.

- Northwest Flower and Garden Festival – This will be the first year Washington State Master Gardener Program will have a large booth. I encourage you to go and visit with other MG's from our state and what they are doing in their counties.

**Northwest Flower & Garden Show, 705 Pike Street, Seattle Feb. 15 – 19.**

**Tickets are available at [www.gardenshow.com](http://www.gardenshow.com)**

- Sterling Background Checks – invites will be coming out in a week or two. Watch your email.
- SURVEY'S and ALL 2022 HOURS DUE SUNDAY JAN. 15 at midnight!

**2022 Interns / 2023 Trainees – See report by Patty above**

**Classes – Brochures have class schedule for Wednesday Classes 12:00 – 2:30 pm starting with “Welcome” on January 18<sup>th</sup>. For Veterans this class can be reported under program support. January 25<sup>th</sup> class is CE – “Botany” by Holly Ferguson and “Lawns” by Jim Kropf. February 1<sup>st</sup> CE Class – “Soils and Plant Nutrition by James Graff and “A New Garden Perspective: Putting Pollinators First” by Debra Kroon. February 8 CE class “Entomology” by Dale Whaley. February 15<sup>th</sup> after Foundation is CE class, “Plant Pathology and Diagnosis” by Cassandra Bates and “Attracting Pollinators: Birds & Insects” by Jeff Kozma. Be sure to pick up brochure for the rest of the classes.**

**Give Pulse by Julie Hunziker -** Julie reported that Impacts activity is very active due to deadline extended to January 15<sup>th</sup>. If there is a problem you will be notified with an email. “No news is Good news!” It was mentioned that monthly reporting at least was important for L&I coverage if something happened. It was also mentioned that you could fill out impact ahead of time and you would get an email asking if you went. Patty reported that she would go over putting in impacts at the “Welcome” class for new as well as veterans needing help.

**Diagnostic Clinic Margaret Morris- Given by Ken Tolonen** Clinic is closed by still getting about half dozen requests. Trying to upgrade microscope and prepare for next year. Patty mentioned that with 14 (11 interns and 3 returning) needing hours hopefully will help.

**Youth Team Michele Murphy/Beatrice Reiss – Given by Michelle** Beatrice has offered to help out until Michelle gets a co-lead but that position is still looking for a volunteer! Still looking for Farmer's point leader for one month, contact Michelle if interested. Doing a STEAM night at one school. Let Michelle know of school contacts or information on schools. Have a request from a school for information on “Hydroponic” and” Aquaponics”- if you have information on these subjects please contact Michelle. Still planning on doing Mother's Day Baskets – would need a couple more volunteers.

**Social Media Presence/Face Book Andrea Altmayer / Clinic Team – No report**

**Writer's Guild, and Speakers Bureau by Claudia Steen**

## **Speaker's Bureau**

This is the time of year when I reach out to our current team members: to assure they want to continue with the team but also to ask if they have stopped giving any former presentations and if they have added any new presentations. And, if they have power points prepared for any of their talks. That way when we get an inquiry for a presentation and they want a certain topic, I can connect them with the best individual. In 2022 - of the 20 presentations given Claudia gave 10 of those so we are again looking for any MGs who would like to join the SB team. Right now there are only 7 MGs that I have heard back from, we would love to have more join our team.

## **Writer Guild**

Our team continues to do our best to write articles for the Yakima Herald to carry out the WSU mission to get science-based gardening information to the public. For 2022 Carol again did the 'lion's share' with 24 articles and the team did 27 articles of which Claudia wrote 12 articles and Diana, Phyllis and Sue Bird did their best to help with the other articles. Again, we would love to have other MGs join our team - you work from home getting CE for the time to research the article and volunteer hours to write the article. Please contact Claudia if you are interested. There is no way we can measure our impact with readership for the WSU Year End Report, but we do get free advertising for our MG events. Again, let Claudia know what MG information needs to be included with our articles each week. Articles must be turned in a week in advance of the publishing date.

Again, thank you to John for including those articles on our website and Andrea for posting them on our Facebook MG presence in a timely manner.

2022 Total for SB, DG and HG classes to the public

After a couple slim years due to Covid restrictions our gardening presentations to the public has had a fantastic 2022 with our SB team giving the majority of presentations. The information and demographic data has been given to Patty for the WSU Year End Report.

Team Presentations Public reached

Speaker's Bureau 20 361

Demo Garden classes 12 100

Heirloom Garden classes 5 65

Total 526 Yay!

## **Old Business**

Debra shared that we would have photos taken at Red Barn on January 25<sup>th</sup>, some pictures are out of date.

## **New Business**

Put February 11<sup>th</sup> on your calendar for "Seed Savers" class MG pay \$5.00 and public pays \$10.00. Phyllis Pugnetti may need a couple more volunteers to help.

**Good of the Order Conclude Program Meeting (11:21)**

(Time to charge to Give Pulse for this meeting 10:31 to 11:21= 50 minutes)

Next Meeting: February 8, 2023, at Red Barn

\*\*Programs on hold till Spring:

Demonstration Garden Demonstration Garden Classes, Heirloom Garden & Classes West Valley Food Garden, and Farmer's Market