

**LOS ALAMOS MASTER GARDENERS**  
**Meeting Minutes taken by Judy Magelssen**  
**From meeting on April 7, 2022 at 7:00 pm**

**Location:** On-line via Zoom

**Opening Remarks by President Carolyn Mangeng**

- 1) **New Mexico has been selected for the next International Master Gardener** Conference [Judy researched after the meeting: 2023 Conference is June 18-22 in Overland Park, Kansas. Looks like this is every other year conference].
- 2) **LA County Extension Agent** – Christina Turner is forming a search committee for interviewing applicants for this position. Denise has volunteered to be on this committee.
- 3) **Robin Montgomery Kennedy** can only work part time so she could not apply for this position. Her last day is May 2, 2022 (Judy verified this date with the Extension Office on Friday).

**Reports**

**Minutes:** 1<sup>st</sup> Coleen, 2<sup>nd</sup> Shari. March minutes were approved.

**Treasurer's report:** Current balance is \$9,585.14.

**Demo Garden: Denise**

- 1) Sign was installed about Rain Water Harvesting.
- 2) A person is serving Community service time by pruning the crabapple trees.
- 3) Work Party on Saturday, April 9<sup>th</sup> starting at 9:30 am – see Denise's email for to-do items

**LAMG Website:** Website is working for the general public including the list of plants in the Demo Garden. However, the member site is down. Cathe is working on it. The ID and password will be the same once the website is working.

**Little Valley Order:** Christine Hipp has emailed details on how to order – due date end of April. Truck usually delivers about 2 weeks later. Suggestion: anyone who orders show up to help unload. Anyone else is welcome to help unload.

**April 21, 2022: Los Alamos Master Gardeners and Extension Office will provide information about the local chapter, 6-7:30 over Zoom for the MG Interns**

- 1) Judy made a list of things that could be covered at this meeting (see earlier email from Carolyn). It is not required that LAMG members be at this meeting but you are welcome to attend and help answer questions.
- 2) Denise will create a list of gardens, their leads, contact information, and how many new helpers they would like.

**LAMG Graduation event:**

A graduation ceremony for 2022 and 2021 students will take place Saturday, April 30<sup>th</sup> following the Raised Bed workshop, which starts at 11:00 am at the Demo Garden, and there will be a tour of the Demo Garden. Suggestion is to have Ruby K wraps at the picnic area. Organizers will determine order. Angela will have the certificates. Please contact Carolyn if you are willing to help organize this event. Dena volunteered – anyone else want to help?

**Plant Sale: Shari**

The plant sale will be Saturday, June 4<sup>th</sup>. Anyone who wants to contribute pots can leave them at the casita at the Demo Garden. There are lots of gallon size pots in casita, need smaller pots. Take any pots that you need for starting seeds/plants. Shari will look for volunteers next month.

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**Tour of the White Rock Community Garden**

Betsy Comly will give a tour at our August 4<sup>th</sup> meeting. Laurie Hixson has the history of the WRCG including the new water feature sculpture.

**Field Trip in July**

Christine suggested a field trip to Tesuque Farms and Seed Bank. Since the Santa Fe Botanical Gardens is expanding, return there.

**Denise showed photos from Demo Garden.**

**Coleen shared two more Thank You cards from Los Alamos 2022 Science Fair recipients:** one from Rebecca 'Don't Grow so Close to Me' and from Hati 'Do the Roots of the Plant always Grow Downward?'.

**Topics from Interns:**

- 1) the availability of weed free straw
- 2) protecting plants from gophers, chipmunks, deer, and everything in between.
- 3) protection from hail storms
- 4) best dates for:
- 5) seeding of native plants, cold treatment?
- 6) starting cold weather crops indoors and in ground,
- 7) starting summer seeds indoors and in ground
- 8) irrigation, water collection and storage, dry-weather food production
- 9) cut worms in beans
- 10) Doris reported that a little water every day produced better crops last year vs watering every other day
- 11) Tomato seedlings are leggy

**Meeting adjourned at ~8:15 pm.**

**Next LAMG activities:**

**April 21, 2022:** Los Alamos Master Gardeners provide valuable information to the LA interns at the 2022 Master Gardener course Q&A session.

**April 30<sup>th</sup> – Graduation of 2021 & 2022 MG interns** (congratulations to all who completed the MC course!). This follows the Raised Bed workshop, which starts at 11:00 am at the Demo Garden. Certificates, snacks, and a tour of Demo Garden. Everyone is encouraged to attend. Garden leads it would be really nice if you attended and talked about your garden.

**June 4<sup>th</sup> – Plant sale at Demo Garden.** Details coming.

**LAMG Attendees:** Coleen Meyer, Denise George, Carolyn Mangeng, Dena Brent, Judy Magelssen, Betsy Comly, Nancy Nunnolley, Alison Grieggs, Craig Idler, Wendy Alexander, Kok-Heong McNaughton, Shari Foley, Doris Thielemann and Laurie & Bob Walker. Interns Joanne Lestone, Pamela Rogers, Jackie Dorhout, and Sydney Schoonover.