

**Los Alamos Master Gardeners General Meeting
September 3, 7pm**

Zoom Meeting (opens at 6:45pm)

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83664372460>

Meeting ID: 836 6437 2460

Minutes (rev.)

Approval of March 2020 minutes:

Unanimously approved after changing Dennis' name from Garden to George.

Treasurer's Report:

Balance is \$7,216.57 which including \$525 @ the new rate for 21 members (includes payment by some lifetime members).

Extension Agent's Report:

NMSU support to John Gustafson's weed question:

LAMG members are encouraged to send their personal suggestions, but cannot represent LAMG or Master Gardeners in general. Email John at: johnrgus.cdab@gmail.com See Denise's Aug. 26 email for more info.

Online MG classes:

The link to State Master Gardener resources and zoom classes is:

<https://aces.nmsu.edu/ces/mastergardeners/manual/formastergardeners.php>

Use 12mg34

As of Tuesday, September 8th the County Extension office will be open to the public, but staffing will not be at 100% to meet social distancing requirements.

Demo Garden:

Lots of good work has taken place, which has been appreciated and has been noticed by the public who make positive comments to people working in the garden. There will be a work party at the Orchard area next weekend (Denise will send a reminder). Be sure to keep a 6-foot distance between workers.

Moonlight Garden update - Judy

This is a multi-year project. After a 2-year delay because of County survey and project scheduling issues, clearing and foundation work has begun. Moonlight Garden PDF is too large to send via email. Will work on another way you can see it.

Agastache Alley Garden update - Peggy

This garden is by the Emoji Garden. Peggy has put down edging stone, a good weed barrier (\$57.09) and gravel (\$51). Agastache will be planted in the spring. Send suggested varieties to Peggy.

Pandemic Gardening Successes and Lessons Learned – all:

Denise: She has a new raised bed and says it makes it much easier to sit and garden.

Dena: Q: Squash was doing very well until it started to die off in August (WR).

A: Squash borers.

Bev: Q: Cucumbers looked good, but were bitter.

A: Most likely heat stress, and also could be high calcium in the soil.

Kok-Heong: Notice: There will be an Iris Swap at the Ashley Pond Pavilion on Saturday, Sept. 12th, 9am to noon, with masks and observing social distancing.

Cas: Critter Ridder is a product that works well to deter deer; so does Deer Repellent.

Laurie: There is a (small, well marked) Coralberry shrub and a Ponderosa Pine seedling in the Shade Garden for anyone who has a place for them and wants to dig them up.

Denise: To replace a sun-blocking tree that was removed from front of her bedroom window, Denise is having good luck with a Hyacinth vine.

Future Programs:

Carlos will put together a presentation. He may put together a pruning presentation for the spring, too.

October LAMG meeting:

Thursday, October 1st, 2020 at 7pm. Zoom meeting to open at 6:45 to allow for technical troubleshooting.

Attendees:

Denise George, Carolyn Mangeng, Judy Magelssen, Coleen Meyer, Peggy Reneau, Carlos Valdez, Dena, Brent, Marjorie Selden, Shari Foley, Kok-Heong McNaughton, Michelle Berkebile, Bob & Laurie Walker, Christine Hipp, Cas Mason, Bev Martin, Melissa Theesfeld, Nancy Nunnely, Rosmarie Frederickson, Vicki Ricketts