

LOS ALAMOS MASTER GARDENERS
Meeting Minutes taken by Judy Magelssen
Zoom meeting on November 5, 2020 at 7:00 pm

Carolyn Mangeng called the meeting to order

Reports

Minutes October 1, 2020: Peggy Reneau motioned to approve, Christine Hipp seconded, unanimously approved.

Treasurer Report by Laurie Walker – balance \$6156.25. 2021 dues of \$25.00 can be sent to Laurie Walker after Jan 2021. Laurie will send a reminder. Please include your contact information for verification when you pay your dues.

Extension Agent Report by Carlos Valdez –

1. Send in your volunteer and educational hours to Carlos. After he receives your hours, Carlos will distribute lapel pins.
2. Carlos sent out a memo about classes from the state Master Gardeners (see Carlos or Carolyn email). These classes are recorded and can count toward your educational hours.
3. This year the New Mexico Master Gardener class will be virtual, lead statewide instead of by each county. Current Master Gardeners may take the classes, please note the classes use the software Canvas (not Zoom). There is no limit to class size. Cost will again be \$200 with \$100 going to the New Mexico State Master Gardener organization. Classes will start in April. Once more details are known, publicity will be done by Doris Thielemann.
4. Carlos Valdez gave Brian Brogan, the Los Alamos Community Service Director, a tour of the Demo gardens.
5. Carlos Valdez is willing to do virtual programs during the winter months to organizations in Los Alamos County. Some ideas for programs were (but not limited to): fruit seeds, how to refrigerate seeds, planning a garden, raised beds. Send additional ideas to Carlos.

Demo Garden: Denise George

1. A work party for Fall cleanup scheduled for Friday, November 6, 2020 starting at 9 am.
2. New design for signs in the Demo garden are available. If want your sign replaced, please contact Denise George.
3. There are wood chips in the staging area (near the police station) – free to use in any garden.
4. The wood chips and compost in the Moonlight Garden are for the Moonlight Garden. We are still working on our hardscape.

Election of Officers (continuation of 2020 board):

President – Carolyn Mangeng

Vice-Pres – Dana Brent

Treasurer – Laurie Walker

Co-Secretaries – Coleen Meyer and Judy Magelssen

Motion to accept the slate of officers for 2021 was made by Christine Hipp, seconded by Shari Foley and Bob Walker. Motion passed.

Programs: Carlos Valdez (Carlos sent a PDF of his presentations to all members)

1) Nematodes

1) Fruit Tree Care

New Business

Plant Sale 2021 Discussion:

1. At this point in time, we are a go for a plant sale in June 2021. Start saving plants. (FYI: Mesa to Mesa had a plant sale in Los Alamos in October 2020 using Covid-19 safe practices. They made \$2000.00 and are willing to share their experience.)

Science Fair: Coleen will contact Los Alamos Public Schools to see how science fair will be conducted in 2021.

Garden Stories:

1. **Laurie Walker repotted her Clivia, an indoor plant, and has 3 plants to give away. And one Foxtail fern.**
2. **Laurie Walker had amazing zucchini this year.**
3. **Denise George had a great tomato crop this year and harvested lots of green tomatoes.** She was so happy they ripened just fine and she's been enjoying them now for weeks.
4. **Dena Brent still has broccoli in her garden (even after two snow storms).**
5. **Doris Thielemann still has lettuce in her garden (even after two snow storms).**

Next LAMG zoom meeting – February 4, 2021.

Attendees:

Denise George, Pallas Papin, Carlos Valdez, Coleen Meyer, Judy Magelssen, KokHeong McNaughton, Dena Brent, Peggy Reneau, Marjorie Selden, Doris Thielemann, Shari Foley, Vicki Ricketts, Carolyn Mangeng, Cas Mason, Laurie and Bob Walker, Rosemarie Frederickson, Michelle Berkebile, Christine Hipp, Beverly Martin, Nancy Nunnelley.