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**Washington County Master GardenerTM Association**

 **WCMGA Chapter Program & Meeting**

**April 2, 2019**

**MINUTES**

8:05 pm Call Meeting to order (Susan Albright)

**Susan Albright**

* Called Meeting to order.
* On a sad note: Read from a message by Erika Orchard

“Our chapter recently lost a dedicator educator and joyful garden friend.
 Ginny Baynes, a Washington County Master Gardener since 2010, became ill while visiting Tanzania recently and died peacefully March 15 on her flight home.
 Ginny was a familiar MG face at local Saturday market clinics and a loyal garden weeder and clinic expert at Pittock Mansion. Most recently, she was helping prepare MG information brochures.
 Ginny's life will be celebrated at a memorial service Saturday, April 27, at 2pm, at St. Matthew Lutheran Church in Beaverton.
 Her family invites Ginny's MG friends to attend... but only if you've done your shift at Gardenfest!  As MG Ginny would say, "It's crazy, but important work."

**Shirley Wolcott**

* **March MGs of Note** -
* **For more details regarding the below MG’s of Note please see the April Issue of Chapter Chat**.
* **Marilyn Berti** - has stepped in to do the “logistical planning” for Gardenfest (i.e. – Set-up, Day of Sale and Clean-up).
* **Suzanne Smith** has been helping Terry Wagner with Book Sales during the Intern training program.
* **Stephanie Clift** - has helped with planting, weeding, and mulching at the Education Garden, particularly in the fragrance classroom.
* **Cecelia Klinkenberg** - is a tireless volunteer for both the WCMGA Education Garden at PCC Rock Creek and the WCMGA Learning Garden at Jenkins Estate.

**Sandy Japley – Strategic Plan #1 – Educate Master Gardeners to respond more effectively and more comfortably to garden inquiries from the public. (See Slide #1)**

* Webinars
* Develop and Implement Train the Trainer – Saturday, May 18th at the Extension Office
* Align 2020 Chapter programs with skill gap needs. Survey coming soon to ID needs.
* Study Groups to be formed – Currently there the Study Group meets every other Monday in Tigard. Goal is to have other locations when facilitator identified. Materials will be created professionally for the facilitator.

**Fran Beebe - Gardenfest Committee**

* Lamination Party, **1:00 PM,** **April 16th** at OSU Extension Office (Need 3 more people).
* Teacup Readiness – **April 20th**- at PCC – to help clean up teacups and price for sale.

**Susan Albright – General Announcements**

* Edcucation Garden at PCC-RC 1st Annual Open House – **May 17th; 1-2:30 pm.**
* Tualatin Watershed Weed Watchers is offering **free workshops** to anyone interested in learning about high priority weeds that could be seen in Washington County. Please see April’s Chapter Chat for date and time.
* WCMGA will be represented at the Science Geek Out Festival in Beaverton on Saturday, **April 20th, 3-5 pm**.
* Eric Butler, PSU graduate student, **needs extra seeds** for their seed library. You can give seed to Sue Ryburn.
* **Potluck** next meeting for the interns. Doors open at 4:30 to help with set-up. Formal invite will be sent out to all interns. Potluck will be held from 5:30-6:30.
* **Free seeds** are available at Fred Meyers after the season is over.
* Susan Albright to send out updated **Directory** with the new interns.

**Pat Simmons -Gardenfest Plant Sale**

* WCMGA is launching a new fundraising effort through the sale of “Growing New Gardeners” seed packages. Each package contains seeds for Dwarf Sunspot Sunflowers, which feature single 8-10” flower heads on sturdy 3-4ft stems for a $1. Hoping to be able to sponsor 6 scholarships.
* Our Sister Chapters are also having Plant Sales and can use your help.
* Info Brochure will be handed out with directions to vendors, 15-minute education classes, booths, book sales, children’s activities, tea cups, gardening aprons and more.
* Girl Scout troops will be available to help with loading and carrying purchased plants to the customer’s car.
* Have approximately 3,300 plants for sale including annuals, perennials, houseplants, veggies, herbs, pond plants, grasses and more.
* Parking will be free the day of the event in Parking Lot D.
* Pat is working on a complete plant list that will be posted on the website.
* Parking on workdays – 8 spaces at PCC Education Garden and scratcher passes will be given lot Lot D.
* This year, plants that do not sell, **will not be discounted** at end of event. Will have “pop up” sales to coincide with the In the Garden Series.
* **Let Marilyn Berti or Pat Simmons** know if you can **help in any way.**

**Big Thanks to Kathy Nokes**

* **Priced** over 450 varieties of plants at retail locations. Our plants are priced just above Home Depot’s plants.
* **Color tags – ranging from $2-$12** with white tags individually priced, will identify plant prices this year.

*May 7th Chapter Meeting*

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|  **Speaker:** Ross Penhallegon, Associate Professor Emeritus, OSU Dept of Horticulture |

 **Topic:** Scoop on Poop and More

Meeting Adjourned 8:50 pm.

Respectfully Submitted by Lisa Gillespie, WCMGA Recording Secretary April 3, 2019

Approved by: Susan Albright, WCMGA President, April 3, 2019

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