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**Washington County Master GardenerTM Association**

 **WCMGA Chapter Program & Meeting**

**May 7, 2019**

**MINUTES**

8:00 pm **Meeting called to order** by Susan Albright

**Janet Remillard for Shirley Wolcott**  - **May MGs of Note** -

* **Joann Caruthers (our Hospitality Chair) and the Hospitality Crew** during Training: **Cindy Owen, Carol Swain, Cecilia Klinkenberg, Nancy Howarth, Nancy Wilson, Jenny Gillingham, Judy Froemke, and Kathy Nokes.**These volunteers helped with food during training, setting up the area, keeping the food trays filled and cleaning up at the end of each day.
* **Louise Gomez-Burgess.**  For volunteering to be the Coordinator for the Master Gardener Training and finding a new location to host both the classes and chapter meetings.
* **Marti Farris** for Assistant Coordinator of the MG training classes with many hours of preparation besides the 8-9 hours each Tuesday for 7 weeks during training.
* **Jan Guziec and Kathy Nokes** for gathering solid competitive price information on the over 400+ plant varieties we offered at Gardenfest. They led the effort to develop a solid database of plant prices – in March, as nurseries were just putting out plant stock for the spring.
* **Kathy Campbell and Holly Foote,** both Interns, were volunteering on the phones together and their veteran wasn’t able to make it.  These new dedicated MGs continued forward with their duties and were noticed to be very professional with how they took care of the calls.
* **Sue Karstad** who worked so diligently to create and be our lead for the new Insect and Pollinator Garden at the Education Garden at PCC Rock Creek.

**Natter’s News** – Welcome back Jean!

* We may have to rethink our thoughts about compost after tonight’s speaker and invite Gail Langellotto to come back and talk to us.
* We are seeing a lot of Ground Rot in Cherry, Plum and Peach Trees (stone fruit).
* Organic – still a lot of confusion; need a chemical definition
* Start **Watering** NOW – Can get amount of water that you should use each week from the Water District. Sign up on their website – tells you by regions.
* Weeds are vigorous – especially the maple seedlings. Dogwoods are Gorgeous.

**Marilynn Turner** – Budget

* Gardenfest: The numbers are still coming in, but we have a reasonable sense of overall Gardenfest results. Proceeds from plants and gifts for gardeners, net of cost of goods sold, were about $11,600. After expenses for supplies and tent rental, but before investment in design and signage, Gardenfest earned about $10,500 for the chapter. The investment in design and signage, which came to about $1,850, will benefit the chapter for several years in the future.
* Intel Donation: In April, Intel made a donation to the chapter of $8,605 based on the 2018 volunteer hours of its employees and retirees.

**Pat Simmons -Gardenfest Plant Sale**

* Big Thank you to Marilyn Berti for assisting with reinventing Gardenfest.
* Accomplished our 3 objectives –
1. Reinvented (no more dig and divide)
2. Improved alignment with strategic objectives
3. Progressed towards Financial Goal
* 110 different volunteers helped with set up, sale and teardown (out of ~ 150 members)
* Exit Interview Comments – Organized, Too Crowded (not big enough space to move around), Liked knowledge from vendors

**Susan Albright – General Announcements**

* **PCC 1st Annual Open House** – **May 17th; 1-2:30 pm.**
* **Help the city of Hillsboro to be officially recognized as a BEE CITY\***

Fellow WCMGA member Ron Spendal has been participating in a group promoting the designation of Hillsboro as a Bee City. Please see Susan Albright’s email from 5/2/19 for more information and sample letter.

* **No** July or August Chapter Meetings.
* We might have a July or August Picnic. Watch for further updates.
* In the Garden Series continues. (see [WCMGA website](http://washingtoncountymastergardeners.org/upcoming-events/) for details)
* **No** Mini College this year.

*May 7th Chapter Meeting*

####  **Speaker**: Alan Christensen, Wildlife Biologist (Ret)

 **Topic:** Tualatin River NWR: A Unique Urban Refuge

Meeting Adjourned 8:36 pm.

Respectfully Submitted by Lisa Gillespie, WCMGA Recording Secretary May 9, 2019

Approved by: Susan Albright, WCMGA President May 11, 2018