

WCMGA Chapter Business Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, November 4, 2025, 7 p.m. by Zoom

Hope Preston, President, opened the Member’s meeting following the webinar: *Forests in Flux: Understanding Tree Health, Decline, & Resilience in Northwest Oregon* by Jake Barker and Sarah Low, Oregon State University Department of Forestry.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **MGs of Note – Monthly Speakers Committee - Mary Hewitt, Sumathy Thandri, Jonina Weisz**
- **Special thanks to Helen and Rick Dorbolo for troubleshooting and resolving functional issues with the WCMGA website.**

REPORTS TO MEMBERS

- **ACTION: Vote on Board Positions**
- **The 2026 Board Nominees were approved by the members.**

Chapter Relations – Mary Hewitt	First term
Communications – Nicole Dwigins	First Term
OMGA Rep – Deb Hansen	Second Term
Publicity – Mary Oakes	First Term
Recording Secretary – Andrea Flint	First Term

- **The 2026 Proposed Budget will be voted on by members at the December Chapter Meeting. Connie Kirby may be contacted with questions about the proposed budget.**
- **Hope reminded members to renew their WCMGA membership for 2026 and re-enter contact information for the 2026 directory.**
<https://washingtoncountymastergardeners.org/renew-join-membership/>
- **A new vegetable garden is being planned for the Ed Garden. It will feature unusual vegetables from many cultures.**

Hope encouraged members who would like to be involved in this, to contact Helen Dorbolo.

- The Ed Garden received a surprise delivery of arbor chips. Members are to contact Sue Ryburn if they would like to take the chips.
- The Grow1Give 1 group is planning operations for 2026. Members who would like to become involved may contact Marilyn Berti.
- Fall Recertification webinars are available.

Upcoming:

Nov 15: 10 am -12 *Plant Propagation by Cuttings*, PCC RC

Nov 17: 10 am -12 *Gathering Gardeners – Tool Cleanup for Winter*, Learning Garden

Dec 2: 7-8 pm Chapter Mtg – *Broadening Your Plant Palette* by Zoom

Hope moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:18pm.

Minutes submitted by Mary Hewitt, Recording Secretary

Reviewed and approved by Hope Preston, President, November 6, 2025