The Rules Committee consisting of Betty Bahn, Sally Noack, Janet Anderson and Sally Reill met on 9/15/09 to create a mission statement and formulate guidelines for the Spring Sale.

The Spring Sale Mission is to offer to the community reasonably priced, healthy, well-rooted plants that are suitable for growing in the coastal climate, to raise funds for LCMGA educational projects and to provide gardening advice.

1. What we sell:
   - The LCMGA should continue to sell only donated plants, garden related items, magazines and books. We will not contract for nursery stock but will accept any commercial donations appropriate to the sale.
   - No booth space should be sub let to other vendors. This would be a complication for the free advertising we rely on as a non-profit organization. Choosing vendors would present problems. Donations of appropriate merchandise will be accepted.
   - The LCMGA should fund the purchase of bare root seedlings of native plants to be passed out, potted and grown by members and apprentices for the sale.
   - Cash donation boxes may be placed at information and soil test tables.

2. Containers and plants: Guidelines to make placement and management of plants easier for workers and more attractive to customers.
   - Pots should be clean, plants groomed, free of weeds and insect pests. Plants should be watered the day before delivery to the sale venue.
   - Plants should be in nursery pots only. No food cartons are acceptable. Pot sizes from 4” to 2 gallons are preferred. Any other sizes may be accepted with the approval of the chairpersons. Six packs are discouraged because they are difficult to water and don’t provide adequate room for roots.
   - Plants should be in appropriate sized containers, and in numbers such as would be found in a nursery. For example: tiny plants in big pots, big plants in tiny pots and one onion in a 4” pot are not desirable
   - All plants should be labeled as to variety, needs, color and size using a method that will not fade, such as “Identi-pen” or pencil. Labels should be of a permanent substance. No aluminum blinds.
   - Pricing should be overseen by sale veterans. To the extent possible, pricing should be done after all plants of any variety have been delivered.

3. Pre-Sales: Since we rely primarily on the public to shop our sale it is necessary to have a good selection of interesting plants. To ensure this we must limit early sales. Members are asked to use discretion in making purchases.
   - Members, including apprentices, who work any area of the sale may buy plants prior to the sale day only after all plants are priced and placed on Friday afternoon.
   - The last blooming plant, one of a kind or color, or the last one of a species will not be sold prior to opening to the public.
• An adequate variety of vegetables are desirable. There should be at least 3 containers of each type/variety left for opening to the public.

• All plants purchased prior to the opening will be paid for and removed Friday afternoon. Any plants remaining will be returned to the sale inventory.

4. Other miscellaneous suggestions:

• It would be desirable to have “area advisors” in each town willing to answer questions and pick up (if necessary) donated items prior to set up.

• It might be advisable to have labeling training prior to the setup days.