

Linn County Master Gardener™ Demonstration Garden

Linn County Fair & Expo Center
3700 Knox Butte Road
Albany, Oregon Sept 2009



Garden Tea Party committee (left to right): Vickie Dones, Renee Parr, Linda Hastings, Stephanie Low, Marilyn Girdler, & Betty Anderson.

Garden Tea a Success

By Vickie Dones

First off, I'd like to sincerely thank all of those who participated in this event. It required an energetic team effort to pull it off. Those who supported the tea in various facets were:

Betty Anderson	Jim Smalley
Linda Hastings	Larry Steele
Marilyn Girdler	Stephanie Low
Renee Parr	Wendy Nishimura
Yvonne Castillo	Ann Rietmann

The day was cool and breezy, which played havoc with our decorations but we found a solution to the problem—rocks. Betty Anderson began decorating and flower arranging at 10:30 a.m. The water feature was filled with hibiscus and hydrangeas (oh, and water too).

Jim Smalley, Larry Steele, and Mel (my husband) began setting up the canopies, tables, and chairs. Three canopies, five round tables, and 40 chairs were set up on the west side of the demo garden near the water feature.

As usual, guests began arriving early and continued to meander in until 2:00. Betty Goergen welcomed everyone and discussed the background of the Demo Garden. Stephanie provided the history of the garden and encouraged those in attendance to fill out a Demo Garden Survey. Betty A., Yvonne, and Linda played their waitress roles while Marilyn arranged the food platters. All volunteers showed their ability to multi-task, which is a natural Master Gardener trait. Renee stood watch at the gate and handled the door prize tickets. *(continued on page 2)*

“TGIF”

Each Friday the Linn County Demo Garden will have a “get together”. This event is called “TGIF—To Garden is Fun.” The purpose of this event is to give Master Gardeners™ (general public welcome!) an opportunity to network ideas, pull a few weeds, dig in the soil, see the progress in the garden, but most importantly--to have fun! If no one feels like “getting dirty,” then we’ll do what we do best—talk about gardening. There will always be opportunities to learn a new gardening skill.

For more information, please contact Vickie Dones at (541) 926-3847 or mevidones@comcast.net

TGIF “Friday” Schedule:
Fridays, 9am –11 am
Until end of October 2009

Demonstration garden name change?

Read full details on pages 2 & 3.

Where the “heck” is the demo garden?

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The demonstration garden and related activities are open to the general public.

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The menu was extensive although I forgot to pack the lemon tea cookies, but we managed well without them. At least I now have something to take to the next several potlucks. Our musicians were a little late due to a mix up but played beautifully. We anticipated approximately 25 guests based on ticket sales, but 41 (40 women and one gentleman) were seated. Several guests paid admission at the gate.

Billie and Mike Moore painted during the tea and donated a painting for the drawing. Billie's painting was very popular and everyone stayed for the final drawing anxious to win her hibiscus and hummingbird painting.

Overall, we all survived, were extremely tired, learned a great deal, and Betty A. suffered a bee sting during clean up. Based on comments from several of the guests, they recommended that the Garden Tea become an annual event and would definitely return next year. Well, once we all recover and after several upcoming vacations to recoup, we'll discuss it.

Bottom line--ticket sales were \$370 and expenses totaled \$188.80; therefore, our net was \$181.20.

Again, thanks to all those who helped and enjoy your vacations—you truly deserve it!

The Master Gardener GIFT

This is to inform the reader that the Linn County Demonstration Garden Team is considering renaming the garden to **MG GIFT**, which is an acronym for Master Gardener Garden Information for Friends and Teachings.

The reason for this proposal comes from a comment made by one of the visitors to the garden. She said that the garden is a gift to our community. It is true—the garden is a gift, so why not call it what is it?

The Linn County Master Gardener Association will be voting on the proposal at the Monday, October 12, 2009 monthly meeting at the Evelyn Downing Room in the Old Armory Building on 4th Avenue and Lyons Street in Downtown Albany at 6:30 p.m. The general public is invited to attend the meeting and to stay for a presentation by our Linn County Horticulture Agent, Barb Fick, on Sustainability at 7 p.m.

If you cannot attend the meeting, but would like to express your opinion about the name change, please contact Stephanie Low at splow@proaxis.com. She will relay your comments to the MG membership at the meeting.



LCMGA's Garden Tea party.



LCMGA's garden tea party décor and refreshments.



Garden Tea Party volunteers (from left to right): Stephanie Low, Vickie Dones & Betty Anderson.

Reminder to new MG's:

Payback hours for MG trainees:
2009 Linn County MG trainees are required to put in 5 hours at the demonstration garden as part of their 20 payback hours outside the 46 hours at the MG help desk.

The demonstration garden and related activities are open to the general public.



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Hear Ye! Hear Ye!

Proposal for a Name Change

From Linn County Demonstration Garden
To
MG GIFT

(Acronym for Master Gardener™
Garden Information for Friends & Teachings)

Explanation for request: This demonstration garden
really is a gift to the community.
The Master Gardeners who volunteer there
want a name that is unique and iconic

Express your opinion for the change

Monday, October 12, 2009

at 6:30 p.m.

Old Armory Building

(4th Ave. and Lyons Street)

This is the October LCMGA meeting

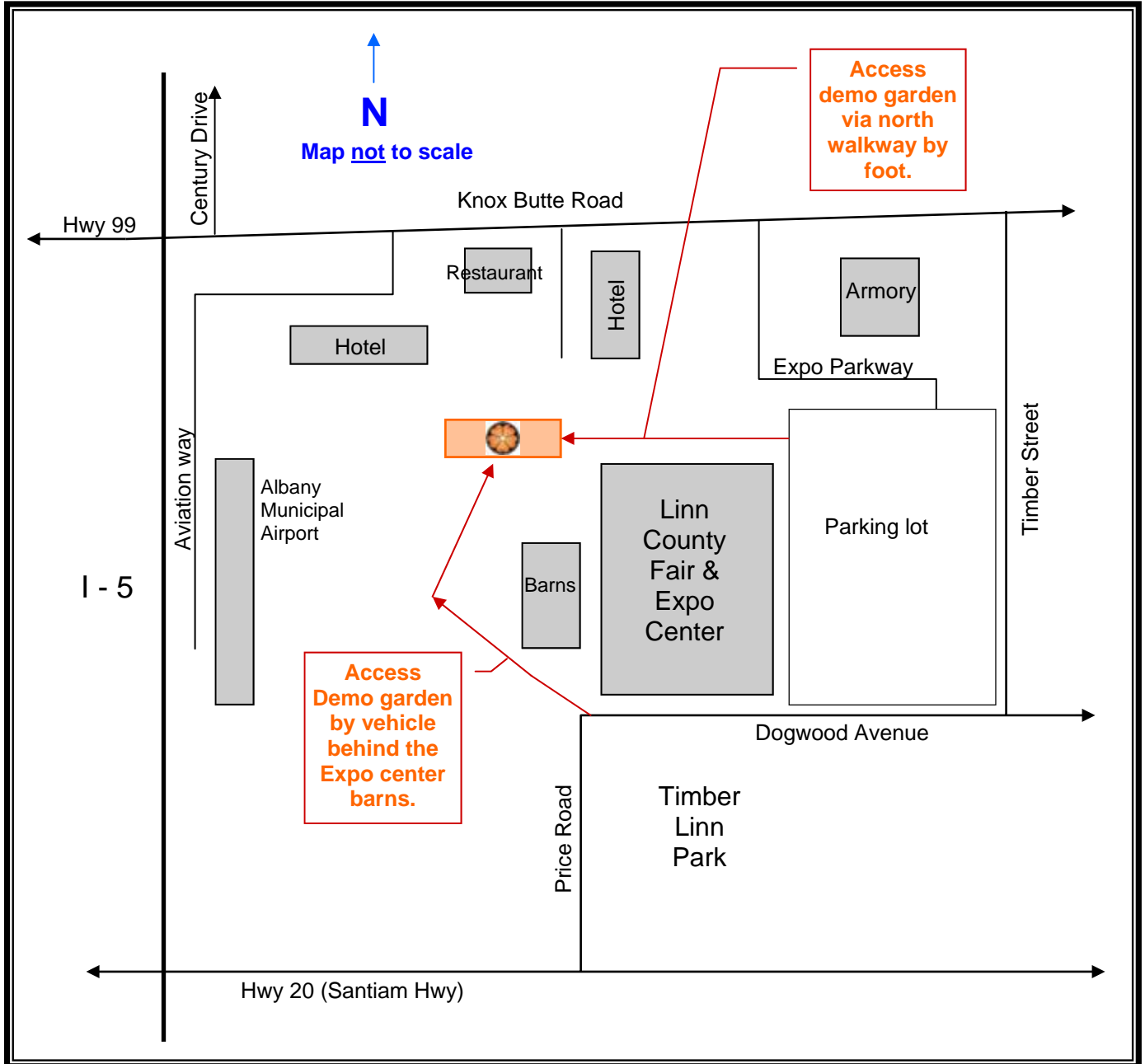


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