

**Columbia Gorge Master Gardener
Executive Meeting
July 11, 2005**

Members present – Laurie Fadness, Etta Myers, Cheri Austin, Rita Saling, Dede Garcia, Coleen Garrabrant, Lana Tepfer, Shirley Chrisman – Others present, Lynn Long, Elizabeth Daniels, Kathy Emmons, Glenda Ryan.

Laurie called the meeting to order.

Minutes were read and approved with one correction. Hood River MG classes will begin January 11th 2006.

The treasurer's report was given for month ending June 30th 2005. Checking balance is \$663.23, Money Market acct. \$7900.44. Total expenses \$3239.71 and total income \$4568.00.

Dede gave us a final report on the garden tour. 538 tickets were sold for a total of 2690.00. 40 promotional tickets were given away. There were 700 brochures printed. The poster sale collected \$25.00. It was suggested that the posters be available at all gardens next year. The greatest numbers of tickets sold were at the gardens at opposite ends of the tour, and more brochures and cash should be available at those gardens also. 130 tickets were pre-sold. Waucoma and Good News Gardening sold out twice, and Klindts once. Total expenses for the tour this year were \$959.00. The plant sale collected \$1123.00. These funds are designated for the Learning Garden.

Elizabeth relayed comments from various garden clubs about how good the tour was.

Lana reported on OMGA. There is a new chapter in Lake County, called The Oregon Outback Chapter. They had 27 new trainees and 26 are still active. President-elect Sam Sadtler is heading up the nominating committee for OMGA Officers, anyone interested is to contact him in Tillamook County.

Ray McNeilan reported the MG Program fund now has \$50,991. Next year is the 30th anniversary of the MG program in Oregon. Contact Jan McNeilan or Sam Sadtler if you have ideas for celebrating. Interviews will begin this month for a new state coordinator, and the position will be filled by fall. Each chapter is encouraged to have their own personal injury and liability insurance. Jan commented on the importance of using the TRADE MARK designation on the term Oregon Master Gardener and our flower logo. We were also reminded to report any changes in address, phone numbers, email right away to Patty Driscoll.

Lana also reported names and amounts of mini-college scholarships. They included: Denise Ingebo, Cheri Austin, Anne VanNatta, Rita Saling, Shirley Chrisman, Scott Fitch, Anna Nolen, Jack Archer and Laurie Fadness.

Dede made a motion that the recipients of mini-college scholarships be put in the newsletter. Rita seconded, motion passed. 17 people we are aware of will be attending mini-college this year. A record for our chapter.

Kathy Emmons reported on the mini-college display and what is going to be represented in the display. Elizabeth suggested a committee for future mini-college displays, if we want to do more complex displays.

Hood River at Large Representative, Rita Saling reported a very successful plant sale and gave a few recommendations for next years plant sale.

Wasco County Representative at Large Cheri Austin reported the plant clinic is going well and busy, Call backs will begin this week.

Elizabeth reported it has been very busy in Hood River County. April Lee, and Leslie Haskel, will be doing another xerioscaping strip at the library. The gardens at the Care Center are looking very nice. 2 plots at the Community Garden have been designated to new MG and the produce will be going to Hawks Ridge and La Clinica.

Lynn reported that the Wasco County Extension will try to get voter approval to become a service district in the fall of 2006. The MG will need to help inform the community, they are also part of the OSU Extension Service and look for opportunities to get the work out regarding extension. 25 cents per 1000.00 will be asked to fund the extension when it goes to voters.

Elizabeth also reported that Lynn, Laurie, Dede, and herself will be meeting regularly in the future.

Laurie reminded us of the social at Sally Ann Kortge's and asked that the word go out to Hood River MG.

Our quarterly association will be in September, in T.D. location will be announced at a later date.

The budget and nominating committee guidelines were handed out and were to be looked over by each executive comm. member and discussed next month.

Rita advised us that the representative at large is appointed not elected.

The August executive has been changed to the 15th

Columbia Gorge Master Gardeners will host the quarterly OMGA meeting in June 2007.

Respectfully submitted
Cheri Austin for Marlene Long

