

**Columbia Gorge Master Gardener
Executive Meeting
June 13, 2005**

Members present – Laurie Fadness, Etta Myers, Cheri Austin Lee Bryant, Rita Saling, Dede Garcia, Coleen Garrabrant, - Others present, Kathy Emmons, Michon Silapath, Ronnie Smith, Sally Ann Kortge, Elizabeth Daniel

Laurie called the meeting to order. Dates and times were set for the next executive meetings. They are as follows, July 11th in Hood River at the Care Center, and August 8th in The Dalles, at the Extension Office, both will be at 9:30

The minutes were read with the following corrections. The paragraph that begins with “Elizabeth reported should read as follows ... Master Gardeners have a spot on KIHR and KACI every second Wednesday from 8 - 9 am. The paragraph beginning with Jo Ann should read as follows, The Hood River County Extension Office Manager, developed a Hood River County website, which has a link to the CGMGA website, and information about the garden tour, schedule of plant clinics, newsletter, etc... The next to the last paragraph beginning with Elizabeth also noted the next sentence should read from the words “except” to “Wasco County” plant clinics, Hood River MGs must complete 12 hours of plant clinic time and Wasco County MGs must complete four plant clinics. It was added that helping with the garden tour is required for all MGs, and participating in the Seeds and Soils program ,or junior Master Gardeners is required for all Wasco County Trainees.

Lynn recommended via an executive committee member that we wait until after the minutes are approved before posting on the web.

Rita suggested that the minutes be put in the newsletter along with next months agenda. It was explained that the agenda cannot be put together that far in advance and the length of the minutes take up to much space, The secretary will see that a tag line will be added in the newsletter telling where the minutes can be found on the web.

Dede recommended a secretary’s corner highlighting anything of importance discussed at the meeting or what will be happening. Rita made a motion, and Lee seconded, motion passed. It was also noted that those with no email can call the extension office and have a copy mailed.

Treasurer’s report – Checking balance \$746.29, Money Market account \$4821.42 and year to date interest received is \$71.17.

Lee recommended the treasurer’s position be a 2 year office. She also resigned as next year’s chairperson for the Garden Tour. Etta Myers will remain the co-chairman and another co-chairman will be found. Our hospitality budget has been spent.

\$337.30 was put on this year's garden tour expense from last year, because the receipt was not submitted until this year.

Scholarship monies have been distributed. Rita feels all scholarship recipients names should be listed in the newsletter. This will be discussed next month when Lana gives her report.

Brian Tuck talked briefly to the board regarding the article in the Chronicle, and asking for our support.

The next social will be at Sally Ann Kortge's on August 16th at 6:30. Bring a chair, and insect repellent.

There was discussion about nominating officers. Laurie will bring a proposed draft for review next month.

A card will be sent to Louise Sargent telling her of the book donated to the library in Mary Jean's name.

Michon gave a report on the Junior Master Gardener Program. Individual textbooks were not purchased for each student as planned due to the length of time it would take to receive them. The compost bin was cleaned up and the compost bagged and sold. \$51.00 was collected and the proceeds used for their year end party. A donation of \$150.00 was received from Wheat Acres Irrigation for the cleanup of the pond. The students sent a thank you card. She had many MG volunteers this year and their help was very much appreciated.

Kathy reported Seeds-n-Soils was very successful and MG participation was also successful. Seven venues were visited with 300 students in attendance. She felt the training of the leaders could be improved, by having a preliminary separate session for them. She is also looking for a co-chair so she may move on to other projects. Teacher evaluations and student thank you notes were passed around.

Dede reported on the Garden Tour, and everything is almost in place. The pre-tour went well. 700 brochures have been printed. We were also told by the Oregonian that our ticket price is much lower than other garden tours. Sponsorship was sold to promote the tour.

Sally Ann reported about the certificates of appreciation and there can be 5 from each county. Wasco County recipients are Wheat Acres, Q104, Fred Meyers, The Chronicle and Hughes Feed & Grain. Hood River recipients are Hood River News, KIHR, Waste Management, Clackmas Greenhouse. A thank you card will be sent to Sawyers True Value, which Cheri offered to write

The candidates for the Master Gardener of the Year were notified of the winners.

Kathy Emmons will be doing a chapter exhibit for mini-college including seeds n soils, JR Master Gardeners, and the HR Care Center. She wants anyone with ideas to help.

Graduation is now scheduled for October 29th at the Valley Christian Church. Shirly Chrisman will help co-chair the event.

We were reminded that our payback hour log is due soon. The submissions for the newsletter are due the beginning of the last week of the month.

Rita brought up the election of officers and how it is done and the possibility of a vote by mail was mentioned. After much discussion and it was then tabled for next month.

Cheri reported the plant clinic is going well and busy, and there were 102 ph soil tests done the first month it was offered.

Elizabeth showed on the newsletter from the The Dalles Disposal Service with Scott Fitches picture on the front page. The tour to the watershed went very well, and another trip is scheduled for August to High Prairie. Marty Miller is doing a column on gardening for the Senior Highlites Newsletter. Linda Floyd took over management of the community garden. Master Gardening Classes for Hood River next year will be held at Valley Christian Church with classes on Wednesday nights, and Saturday Days. Applications for next year will be handed out when the payback logs are turned in for Hood River County.

The Hood River County Fair Booth is going to be done by Glenda Ryan this year.

Meeting Adjourned

Respectfully Submitted
Cheri Austin for Marlene Long
Edited by Laurie Fadness