President Lynn Cox called the meeting to order at 6:45 pm. A Quorum was present. There were several guests at the meeting including several new interns.

**Action Items:** There were no action items.

**2010 Educational Outreach Update.** President Cox stressed the importance of educational outreach and encouraged the members to try one instance of educational outreach that they have not done recently or that is out of their comfort zone.

President Cox suggested the members note the following activities and dates and suggested that members consider these activities as ways of performing educational outreach:

February 13, 9 am-Noon, Shrub and Tree Pruning Workshop at Dave Russell’s home, 3850 Minter Bridge Road, Hillsboro, OR 97123, Chairpersons: Diana Pinkerton and Jerry Anderson;

February 20, 10 am-noon at the Capital Center, Rose Pruning Workshop, Chairperson Donna Yount;

A Saturday in May and one in June, Metro MG/Metro Educational Series, Chairperson Joanna DeHaan,

Summer 2010, WCMGA Garden Tour, Chairperson: Verleen Fletcher;

July 28-31, Washington County Fair, Chairperson: Joanne DeHaan;

Harvest Festival, October 9, Chairperson: Joanne DeHaan; and

Various Farmers’ Markets.

**Chapter Support Information and Updates**

Spring Recertification Class will be held at Rock Creek Portland Community College on April 17th from 8:30 am until 3:30 pm.

Grant applications are being submitted to the Hardy Plant Society for $1,000 and Aloha Garden Club for $1,000. If the grants’ monies are received they will be used to build an eco-roof at the Fairplex garden. Director Bill Klug has drafted these applications.

The Chapter needs volunteers willing to perform the following jobs: Historian, Plant Sale Raffle Chairperson and Member-at-Large for Audit Committee.

The Chapter is responsible to host the OMGA Quarterly Meeting to be held Saturday, November 6th. Chairperson is Jerry Knott.
Karen Brandenburger, Chairperson of the Timber Book Sales will have people selling books at next week’s classes and at our March Chapter meeting. Remaining books will be sold at the spring recertification class.

Jane Miller, Chairperson of the Plant Sale announced she has 1,600 plants in her greenhouse and needs 900 more to meet her goal of 2,500. She will provide a list of desired plants and invasive plants she will not accept via email.

Cheryl Dawson, Co-chairperson of the Intern Training Class with Dianna Gaydon announced the 2010 intern training classes in Washington County have 44 students. She asked for volunteers for noon-time chats.

Members were informed that dues must be in by January 15\textsuperscript{th} if you wish your name to be included in the directory.

President Cox discussed the new Master Gardener social networking site hosted on Ning. Members were encouraged to accept the invitation and try it out.

Jean Natter discussed three questions that have come in to the office this week: Question: Pests in Home Orchard. Answer is in Home Orchard publication from OSU. Question: lawn problems. Answer is in Sustainable Garden Book. Question: How do I care for a hay field? Answer: Refer to Chip Bubl, the Columbia County Extension Agent.

The Golden Trowel was awarded to Lynn Wagner for her work in obtaining publicity in the local newspapers, for working on the Chapter’s display at Mini-College and for her work in the children’s garden.

The meeting adjourned at 7:35 pm.

**Program**

Vice President Tim Lanfri introduced Patrick Proden, director of the Washington and Multnomah Extension Offices. Mr. Proden told us about the work Extension is doing in the area and plans for the future.

Respectfully Submitted:

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Jackie Keil, Recording Secretary

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Lynn Cox, President