MINUTES OF THE CHAPTER MEETING
OF THE WASHINGTON COUNTY CHAPTER
OREGON MASTER GARDENER ASSOCIATION
March 4, 2010

President Lynn Cox called the meeting to order at 6:45 pm. A Quorum was present.

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

**2010 Educational Outreach Update.** President Cox stressed the importance of educational outreach. The following items were highlighted:

Heidi Nichols, Chair of WCMG Phone Clinic needs volunteers.

Joanne DeHaan requested volunteers for the MG clinic at the Home Orchard Society’s Fruit Propagation Fair.

WCMGA Open Gardens, scheduled for Saturday July 10, 10 AM to 4 PM: Chairperson Verleen Fletcher informed the membership that seven Master Gardeners’ yards are on the tour and she can use additional gardens, particularly ones that stress food cultivation.

President Cox informed the membership there will be an information session on Tuesday, March 16th at noon at the Intern Training Class regarding the “Growing Health Kids” program.

Karen Brandenburger reported that most volunteer shifts at the Beaverton Farmers Market are filled.

Jerry Anderson reported that the Shrub and Tree Pruning Workshop was well received. He said the presenters were excellent and they counted 80 cars, which is an excellent turnout.

Donna Yount reported that 42 people attended the Rose Pruning Demonstration at the Capital Center Garden. The excellent turnout was due in part to the article in the Home and Garden section of the Oregonian.

Bill Klug reported that five Master Gardeners met with teachers at two elementary schools. There is a need for people skilled in planning the school gardens.

**Chapter Support Information and Updates**

President Cox announced the Board is recommending a couple of changes in the Bylaws and Standing Rules to change the date of installation of officers from December to November so the incoming officers will have a month to work with the outgoing officers and become familiar with the duties of their offices.

President Cox announced the next Chapter meeting on April 1st will be a pot-luck to welcome the new interns. Members were informed that the Real Dirt will contain a list of which veterans will bring which pot luck items. The meeting will start at 6 pm.

President Cox informed the membership that an updated Directory is on the website. A new check request form is also on the website.
Barbara Knopp gave the members a list of nurseries willing to give discounts to Master Gardeners. She also gave out membership cards which must be presented to get those discounts.

Karen Brandenburger reported a $600 profit from sales of books from Timberpress. The committee has placed another order and will sell books at the Spring Recertification Class.

Jane Miller informed the membership she needs additional plants to sell at the April 24 plant sale.

Donna Yount informed the membership that Anna Stubbs has volunteered to be chairman of the Plant Sale Raffle and requested monetary donations. Anna intends to buy a few large items for the raffle.

Donna Yount volunteered to be the WCMG historian.

Ardis Schroeder of the Washington County Small Woodlands Association encouraged the membership to buy plants at their Native Plant Sale to be held March 13 at 170th and Farmington Road from 9 am until 3 pm.

Tim Lanfri informed the membership that he has been involved in the creation of an organic vegetable garden and will be teaching a class on gardening that will be open to the public.

Jean Natter’s Educational Moment

Jean Natter discussed questions that have come in to the office this week: Carpenter ants are appearing. She said we should advise clients to look for the trail outside after dark. We should further advise people with pear tree problems to look up the pear tree fact sheet for information on when to pick pears. If clients call re freeze damage, advise them to wait until Spring to assess the damage.

There was no Golden Trowel award given.

The meeting adjourned at 7:15 pm.

Program: Thomas Sebright of Sebright Gardens talked about Hostas

Respectfully Submitted:

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Jackie Keil, Recording Secretary

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Lynn Cox, President