



OREGON MASTER GARDENER™ ASSOCIATION

2024 1st Quarter OMGA Board Meeting

March 1, 2024, 3 PM via zoom

We held our 1st quarter OMGA Board meeting this past Friday, March 1, via zoom. Our meeting agenda was full. We had over 30 participants! Following are some highlights:

OMGA Treasurer, Janet Magedanz gave a financial report for the 1st quarter to date. Janet asked for a motion to approve upcoming CD deposits. All approved.

We discussed our 2024 OMGA Joy of Gardening Conference scheduled for July 12 and 13, 2024. **SAVE THE DATE!** Encourage your chapter members to attend. We are in the planning stage now. Our keynote speakers include Sherry Sheng and Gail Langellotto representing the Garden Ecology League and Silvia Rondon from the Oregon IPM Center. We have over 20 speakers lined up covering a wide variety of topics. We discussed our fund-raising event the Silent Auction. We expect all chapters to participate. Look for further details soon. If you are interested in joining the planning committee, please send me an email. Our next planning meeting will be March 11 at 1 PM via zoom. Our Save the Date flyer is attached. Please forward this to your membership!

Ann Kinkley reported that our first edition of the Gardener's Pen for 2024 was recently issued. She gave a brief overview of this amazing newsletter. Laura Strom gave an update from our advocacy committee. Her report is attached. Missy Bright has continued to keep our data base current. She is working to streamline our contact information to make it more efficient. Chris reviewed the grant and award opportunities offered by OMGA to all chapters. Applications are due May 15. Be sure to check these out on our website at: omga.org.

Leslie Ray presented our new revised Policies and Procedures for a second reading. The revision was approved.

We reviewed our new 2024 OMGA goals. The board approved the goals. They are attached.

Lastly, we are happy to welcome our new OMGA Secretary! Cary Wasem-Varela from Umatilla County. Thank you, Cary, for volunteering for this important position.

That's all I have. Thank you everyone for your patience and support. Take care of each other.

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