



OREGON MASTER GARDENER™ ASSOCIATION

2024 2nd Quarter Executive Committee Meeting

May 3, 2024, 3:30 PM via zoom

The meeting was called to order by President Chris Rusch at 3 pm. Attendees were Chris Rusch, President; Leslie Ray, Vice President; Eric Bosler, Past President, Janet Magedanz, Treasurer; Missy Bright Database/List Serve; Laura Strom, Advocacy Task Force Committee; Ann Kinkley, Newsletter, and Dr. Leslie Madsen, State Coordinator

We held our 2nd quarter OMGA Executive Board meeting this past Friday, May 3, via zoom. Our meeting agenda was full. Here are some highlights:

Dr. Madsen our statewide Master Gardener Coordinator gave a brief update on MG activities. She is updating the Seed to Supper curriculum to make it more relevant; helping MG coordinators with their programs; revising policies relating to volunteer management.

OMGA Treasurer, Janet Magedanz gave a financial report for the 2nd quarter to date. Janet has completed all our IRS filings for our member chapters. This is an enormous accomplishment! Thank you, Janet!

We discussed our 2024 OMGA Joy of Gardening Conference scheduled for July 12 and 13, 2024. SAVE THE DATE! Registration is now open. <https://omga.org/joy-of-gardening-2024/>

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. Please take the time to register! All chapters are asked to donate items to our silent auction fundraising effort at the conference.

Ann Kinkley reported that our second edition of the Gardener's Pen for 2024 will be out soon. Linda Coakley reported that her historian updates are almost completed. An enormous task. Laura Strom gave an update from our advocacy committee. Missy Bright has continued to keep our data base current. Send any updates from your chapter to Missy at: outsideastoria@gmail.com. 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: <https://omga.org/programs-and-awards/>

Leslie Ray reported on our website committee efforts to keep our website user friendly and current. This is an ongoing effort that is a high priority for us this year.

We discussed the issues facing our Josephine Chapter MGs as their Extension office faces issues with a possible future closure. OMGA will discuss this again at our next meeting and are prepared to offer assistance.

Lastly, we will be reviewing our MOA with OSU this year to revise and update it. If you are interested in assisting with this effort, please contact me.

Our full OMGA Board meeting is scheduled for Friday, June 7, 2024, via zoom.

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

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