

West Linn Garden Club  
General Meeting Minutes  
October 2, 2023 General Meeting

Present:

Gordon Piper, President	Sue Piper
Laurel Buncak, Treasurer	Marcia Prinz
Diane Awalt, Former President	Stephanie Scott
Alma Coston	Jane Sercombe
Linda Daugherty	Heidi Streeter
Gisela Davisson	Anne Swinford
Judy Hutchinson	Gwen VanMeter
Gretchen Nation	Cheryl Wyborny

The meeting was called to order by President Gordon Piper 6: 40 pm.

Sue Piper gave a presentation on the 107-year history of the West Linn Garden Club and asked members to continue to provide information as this is a work in progress. She noted that throughout our long history, members have been community leaders and interested not just in their own gardens but in beautifying and educating the larger community. Members were asked to share if they are or have been members of other garden clubs. While most claim the West Linn Garden Club as their only affiliation, several said they are also members of the Hardy Plant Society and Stephanie Scott is an active member of the American Rose Society and the Portland Rose Society. Alma Coston is also a member of the Friends of Maddax Woods. Gordon shared that while living in Oakland, he was a member of many different garden clubs and served as President of the Sydney B Mitchell Iris Society. He is currently a member of the Hardy Plant Society, Greater Portland Iris Society, and the Pacific Northwest Peony Society .

Announcements:

1. Gordon & Sue Piper, Diane Awalt and Jane Sercombe will be representing the Club at the October 5 Clackamas District luncheon in Oregon City.
2. Jane Sercombe announced that the Dalles Garden Club is hosting a flower and quilt show on October 7. She shared two quilts that Sue Piper is entering in the quilt show.
3. Judy Hutchinson announced that volunteers had a successful work day at McClean House on Sunday and that five more workdays are scheduled for:  
Thursday October 5<sup>th</sup> 10a-1pm  
Thursday October 12<sup>th</sup> 10-1pm  
Sunday October 15<sup>th</sup> 10-1pm  
Friday October 20<sup>th</sup> 10-1pm  
Sunday October 29<sup>th</sup> 10-1pm

4. Gordon announced that the club has applied for a \$1500 grant from the Weyerhaeuser Giving Fund to supply pollinator and native plants to the Mary S. Young Park and Pollinator Garden. He expects to hear back in December.

The question of the evening for members was “How are you preparing your garden for winter?”

Answers included:

- Cut back roses, peonies, iris and put out mulch
- Aerate lawn, fall fertilizing, turn off sprinklers, clean up spent flowers
- Brush removal, transplant plants in pots or barrels
- Bring in lemon tree, drain hoses, cut back peonies
- Clean pots, cut back flower stalks and bad foliage
- Pot up starts for the spring plant sale, save seeds, prep the greenhouse
- Rake up leaves, cut back bulbs

Membership Chair Cheryl Wyborny noted that we are now up to 33 members, with the addition of our latest new member Gisela Davisson.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 pm.

