

MASTER GARDENER FOUNDATION OF COWLITZ COUNTY
Home Growers Meeting Minutes (provided by Art Fuller)
DATE: 6 December 2022

Started: 10:00 A.M.

A PowerPoint Presentation was used and Dale Wheeler chaired the Zoom meeting.
Presentation Slides and Excel files used in the meeting are attached below.

Attendees: 10

Dale Wheeler	Art Fuller	Alice Slusher
Jane Yahr markt	Kathy Schlaefli	Brian Schlaefli
Jen Swanson	Nancy Andrews	Sara Clark
Patti Borgaard		

Plant Sale: 13 May 2023

Contact Information and updated: Dale Wheeler email: dwheelergarden@gmail.com

Goals of home growers: Grow some of the requests from the 2022 customers.
Remarks about running out of specific types of plants.
All Master Gardeners to grow 1 plant or bring in 1 craft item.
Uniform pot sizes 3.5 inches and 1-gallon pots.
Approximately 1600 3.5-inch pots available at barn (Brian Schlaefli stated)
Inspection conducted initially by home growers prior to drop-off.

Recommendations: Sterilize pots prior to passing them out was recommended by Nancy Andrews.
Putting names on flats when dropping off for easier tracking and recording of quantities recommended by Sara Clark.

How to Navigate through the Home Grower Site:

Home growers link <https://www.cowlitzcomg.com/homegrowersinfo>

Greenhouse growing link

<https://static1.squarespace.com/static/5bce465092441bb41c15fd04/t/6376adb9c192cf583cd362cf/1668722106104/Greenhouse+Pupper+and+Tomato+List+2023.pdf>

2022 archived notes link

<https://static1.squarespace.com/static/5bce465092441bb41c15fd04/t/6376ae2ab1f5a7655402964a/1668722218691/Requests+from+2022.pdf>

Discussed:

Germination rate from last year 702 seeds were planted other than tomatoes and peppers and 448 germinated.
Inventory List of Available seeds is in progress of being updated and should be completed by Jen Swanson this week and Jen stated she will continuously keep the list current as seeds arrive. 2020 seeds are gone.
Gift certificate was received to purchase seeds and Dale Wheeler mentioned he would like to purchase lemon cucumbers if we do not have donated seeds.
Home growers should not have to purchase seeds, soil, pots, stakes, trays or labels. Soil is available at the Demonstration Garden where the raised beds were put in for Gardening with the Master Gardeners and a few bags left at the barn in accordance with Art Fuller and Brian Schlaefli respectively. There is no seed start soil available.
Showed map of greenhouse location. <https://www.cowlitzcomg.com/mg-maps>

Requests: Nancy Andrews requested having a seed sowing day at the greenhouse or barn. Great idea and will set up not to interfere with greenhouse operations.

Jane Yahrmarkt requested a day set up for supply pick-ups. Dale and I already discussed that home growers can pick-up supplies at the barn on Thursdays.

Jane Yahrmarkt mentioned after discussion with Carolyn Winchell that the Demonstration Garden is a great resource for plants for the plant sale.

Meeting Adjourned 10:31 A.M.