

SEMG Advisory Council Reports as of 12/7/23
In lieu of Zoom meeting December 12, 2023

Chair report: I am ever so grateful for all who came to celebrate our 2023 intern graduates, our Life Member recipients, and SEMG in general. The atmosphere was lovely and the food was yummy! And - if you were there, you were lucky (or unlucky) enough to see us dance!

Here is the link to the November 2023 Advisory Council notes:

<https://sandovalmastergardeners.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/12/SEMG-Nov-2023-AC-meeting-notes.pdf>

Thank you to Joan Ellis who was our Interim Vice Chair for the latter part of the year, and who compiled these notes.

Here are some updates for this month of December 2023:

1. Outreach Committee (met 11/28)
 - a. Sandoval County Fairgrounds in Cuba - new project proposal to landscape a portion of the fairgrounds in honor of the 50th County Fair. This project will be a collaboration with the Extension Office who is working on a fundraising plan. Hoping to have an onsite visit later this month.
 - b. The reboot of the Sandoval County Health Commons garden project will not go forward at this time.
 - c. There is a possibility of a Pollinator Garden project at the Pollinator garden using native plants for the headquarters of SSCAFCA.
 - d. Many have expressed interest in the Placitas Elementary School garden project, but we are still in search of co-chairs to lead the effort.
 - e. Member Retention and Re-engagement taskforce is seeking interested individuals to help plan three events in 2024 for Sandoval Extension Master Gardeners.
2. Education Committee (met 12/5)
 - a. We have 40 interns for 2024 and about 20 mentors.
 - i. Mentors and interns need to watch Canvas orientation video.
 - ii. Mentor training Jan 4 at 6 pm via zoom
 - iii. Intern and Mentor orientation Jan 8 at 6 pm via zoom
 - iv. First class available Jan 15
 - b. Discussed adding a 'What's New' box on the website to highlight opportunities available to MGs - this will need input from committees, chairs, projects!
 - c. Advanced Classes
 - i. Medicinal Plants was presented by Maria Thomas on Nov 4 at the Martha Liebert Library in Bernalillo. This video will soon be available on the website here
<https://sandovalmastergardeners.org/semg-members/advanced-classes/>

- ii. Next class is aquaponics presented by Rossana Sallenave from NMSU at the library in Bernalillo on Jan 13, 10:00-12:00. This class will be video recorded by Chris Sollart and open to the public. No sign up needed.
 - d. Gardening with the Masters classes for public and MGs are currently scheduled at Loma Colorado Library in Rio Rancho on 4th Monday of the month at 6:45pm. No December class - due to the Christmas Conflict.
- 3. Communications Committee: PLEASE NOTE password for the member-only side of website will change in the new year.
- 4. Membership Committee: Thank you to all who have submitted their hours for the year. SEMG has logged a total of more than 12,000 hours of volunteer and outreach hours! Way to go!! If you have not yet submitted your hours, please do. It is helpful for LifeMembers to submit (even though you are technically exempt), so we can give an accurate report to the county and state of our activities. Dues need to be paid by 12/31 (\$25 for all veteran MGs - excluding Life Members and those in the 2023 Intern Class). A new website password will be created and sent out in the new year to all active MGs and the 2024 Intern class.
- 5. State EMG report (meets 12/11)