



**Friends of the Klamath County Library  
Quarterly Membership Meeting Minutes  
18 June 2025  
At the Library**

Fran McDermott, FOL Vice President, welcomed attendees to the meeting at 2 pm and noted there would be a short business meeting following the speaker's presentation. Fran then introduced Nicole Sanchez, the director of the Master Gardener Program for Klamath County for a presentation on becoming a Master Gardener.

Nicole summarized her professional background; she is the director of the Master Gardener in Klamath County and is an Oregon State University professor situated here in Klamath Falls. While her work primarily focuses on Klamath County, she does work with growers of specialty items from Lake and Harney counties. She handles a myriad of questions on gardening in the Klamath Basin; about half the queries come from people who have lived in the Klamath Basin for a long time and the other half come from people new to the Basin who are not familiar with the growing conditions here.

Nicole then detailed the procedures for an individual to become certified as a Master Gardener. She described the education/training aspects of the preparation and noted that the amount of time to be in a classroom has been reduced of late as time commitments of those interested in completing the program have mushroomed. Time interacting with knowledgeable staff is needed however so students can see and analyze problems that a gardener might present.

Nicole recapped the many positive aspects of being a Master Gardener and noted several activities in which Master Gardeners participate: helping with the community garden, putting on plant-problem workshops where gardeners can bring in "sick" plants for analysis, working at the Saturday Market helping gardeners improve their gardens.

The audience included several certified Master Gardeners who spoke highly of the program. Nicole also answered questions.

Following Ms. Sanchez' presentation, Elaine Deutschman, FOL secretary, discussed the election of Board members of the Friends of the Klamath County Library. In responding to questions, she briefly discussed how FOL helps the library and what the Board does. She also opened the meeting to nominations from the floor for Board positions – none were forthcoming.

Candidates for the Board from the nominating committee: Jacek Berka, Gail Brock, Elaine Deutschman, Judith Izzo, Fran McDermott, Betty Shaw and Lindsay Silver. **Motion, seconded and passed:** These candidates be elected by acclamation.

Respectfully submitted,  
Elaine Deutschman, Secretary  
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