



LARIMER COUNTY
COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY
EXTENSION

Extension Advisory Committee Meeting Agenda

November 4, 2020
8am – 10am virtually via Zoom*

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AGENDA

1. CALL TO ORDER
2. PUBLIC COMMENT:
3. AGENDA REVIEW:
4. APPROVAL OF LAST MEETING MINUTES:
5. STAFF PRESENTATION:
6. INFORMATION ITEMS: (10 minutes, highlights)
 - a) Upcoming Larimer Extension [classes and programs](#)
 - b) COVID updates –
 - c) **4-H**: (Katie, Pam, Diane and Toby)
 - The Ranch Master Plan, 4-H Livestock and Animal Teaching Facility Architectural Committee update – Matt and Marilyn
 - The Ranch reached out to 4-H to help care for animals sheltering at The Ranch from the Cameron Peak and East Troublesome fires.
 - 4-H Livestock Agent position to be posted very soon!
 - d) **Horticulture and Farmers' Market** (Alison & Emily):
 - The Larimer County Farmers' Market season ended on October 31; overall it was very successful and positive.
 - 2021 market dates are May 22-October 30.
 - The 2020 Market Days! program provided over 1,000 pre-packed produce bags to Larimer County low income older adults through our community partners; farmers' market vendors benefitted from this program by making more than \$20,000 in direct produce sales. This program is an awesome team effort including Alison, Sue, Amber, Emily and Kalie.

- Alison was awarded the National Distinguished Master Gardener Coordinator award on behalf of the National Extension Master Gardener committee.
 - Gardening webinars continue in their popularity; a Friday Front Range series ended on October 30. Topics covered fall-planted bulbs, best trees and shrubs for fall color, landscape design, and ornamental grasses, among others. These classes were taught by Front Range horticulture agents and an average of 130 people watched the webinars live, with hundreds more watching the recordings. All classes are posted on the [CO-Horts Blog website](#) for viewing.
 - The Master Gardener Annual Banquet, held virtually, will be Saturday, December 12 at 10am. You are welcome to attend. Please register [here](#).
- e) **Food & Nutrition** (Amanda & Amber)
- Amber offered a virtual Lunch and Learn food preservation series to the public with six different topics including canning, dehydrating and fermentation.
 - Amber continuing to work on details of Community Corrections partnership to launch this winter
- f) **Ag & Natural Resources** (Karen):
- Cameron Peak Fire – Work with County to update their Recovery Resources for Residents; provide assistance to landowners seeking assistance on landscape management; overall, just trying to stay on top of this extremely destructive fire!
 - Wildfire Wednesday’s Speaker Series – Host four state-wide webinars in October on Fire Ecology & Behavior (168 attended); Defensible Space and Home Hardening (144 attended); Fire Resistant Landscaping (98 attended); and Evacuation Preparedness and Animal Evacuation. A total of 751 signed up to attend the webinars or watch the recordings! Recorded webinars can be found here: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PKj82sOqHnw&list=PL-phQKUKHx8VFcwT7Jrqp0S9m3ztHIBx&ab_channel=JeffcoExtension
 - Native Plant Master Program – We were not able to hold any NPM courses in 2020, yet the NPM Volunteers were able to make 1,475 educational contacts and volunteer 385 hours during the year to report to CSU Extension.
 - Colorado Building Farmer & Rancher Program will not be held in Larimer County this year due to COVID. Instead it will be held as a state-wide virtual program beginning in December.
- g) **Community Development** (Sue & Lisa):
- Sue and Lisa attended the eXtension Impact Collaborative Summit Oct. 13 & 14 to begin designing a new project called Mindful Engagement. This will be a professional development opportunity for FLTI alumni to receive training in 5 pillars of mindfulness and to apply the training in their community projects focused on supporting compassionate communities. Sue and Lisa were invited to apply for \$5000 in seed money from the eXtension Foundation. They submitted the application and should hear within the next month.
 - Sue released November – January virtual health & wellness classes. All classes remain online and free to the public. See Larimer County Extension Health & Wellbeing page for upcoming classes.
 - The 2020 FLTI dual language cohort has continued on virtually and will wrap up this year.

7. DISCUSSION:
 - a) Showcase subcommittee report –subcommittee of Regan, Matt, Maia and Kathy
 - See subcommittee notes in folder for discussion
 - b) Community Assessment update and discussion
 - Headway made by staff
 - Feedback and what to expect next

8. OTHER BUSINESS: Trends and issues you see in the community to share? Other items?

9. NEXT MEETING SCHEDULED: January, 8am – 10am