Annual BBQ & Election Quarterly Meeting

Third Thursday in August

5:30 to 8:30 p.m.

A Planning Committee organized by the Vice President of Master Gardener Education will meet several weeks before the meeting day to determine the requirements of the event, the location and to design a ballot form. They will be on hand on the day of the meeting to help the host/hostess.

With the assistance of the Planning Committee, the responsibilities of the host/hostess are:

* Since attendance is open to all COMGA members and family, there have been approximately 50+ people at the potluck buffet dinner. The social hour before the dinner and the tables for everyone to be seated necessitate that two large areas are available. Since the dinner is in August, any part of the evening (the social hour and dinner) can be outside.
* Parking will be needed for several dozen cars. If the home driveway isn’t large, cars can be parked on the street shoulders. If the host(ess) has any parking guidelines, the Vice President & the Planning Committee should be told a week or two before the meeting so attendees can be notified.
* Tables for up to 55 people will be needed. COMGA owns a number of foldable tables and chairs and the Planning Committee will arrange to bring them before the meeting date. Additional tables and chairs supplied by the host/hostess may be needed.
* The dinner is a potluck so space is needed to set out the dishes (often, just a kitchen counter). The Planning Committee will arrange for the COMGA bin with coffee, tea, cups, plastic ware and paper plates to be delivered from the Extension Office shed.
* The Social Hour usually includes visitors to the host/hostess’ garden before dinner. If this will be a problem, the host/hostess should let the Planning Committee know beforehand.
* Everyone begins arriving about 5pm, dinner begins at 5:30 and the meeting should end about 8:30 pm. If cleanup assistance is needed, the Planning Committee will make arrangements for help from the Master Gardeners.
* Opening your home to the Central Oregon Master Gardeners Association is very generous and we are really appreciative. Thank you!

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