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September LAWC Meeting

We are proud to introduce our first newsletter as an association. This quarterly newsletter will give the board and other members yet another avenue to network and learn about Lavender. We hope you enjoy it.

Our September LAWC Membership meeting at the inspiring Sage Creations Organic Farm had a great turnout. Owners Paola and Bobby Legarre welcomed over 60 people and gave tours of their lavender farm and cherry orchard. In addition to the tour, Blue, from Ewing Irrigation, talked to us about different irrigation methods for lavender and various types of weed cloth available. We also demonstrated de-budding dried lavender bundles and sifting the buds.

The Fall Lavender Orders were also picked up by our members. We doubled the amount of lavender plants ordered from Palisade Greenhouse in the Spring with 48 flats. The lavender “versa-plugs” were healthy and should weather the winter weather just fine. Research shows that fall-planted lavender produces more blooms the next year than spring planted lavender. High altitude growers should consider their planting site and adjust accordingly.

If you missed the meeting, please check our website at coloradolavender.org for updated news and information.



Member Spotlight

We would like to highlight members who are successful lavender growers, crafters or retailers. Please send us your inspirational stories of success. We will share your story with the other members and may highlight you in this newsletter and possibly on our website.

Organizational Progress

Currently LAWC is a not for profit organization with elected officers and board members. We are investigating the possibility of becoming an IRS recognized non-profit organization in the future and talking with other established co-operative organizations and learning from them. If anyone can assist in this process, please contact us as soon as possible.

Distilling Essential Oils

Producing lavender essential oil is a combination of art and science. It takes skill, quality lavender plants and a good nose to get the right blend. Many people on the Western Slope are growing, or will be growing, high quality English lavenders and lavandins suitable for essential oils. If you are interested in distilling lavender, or you would like to distill other people’s plants, let the members know. We are here to support each other and make western Colorado lavender central. Growing great lavender is one thing – distilling a high quality essential oil is another.

