

**Ozaukee Master Gardeners  
Minutes of the General Membership Meeting--Annual Meeting  
Landt-Thiel American Legion Post 740 Hall, Saukville, WI  
January 22, 2015**

**Note:** No general meetings were held in November and December 2014 because of Thanksgiving and Christmas. On December 4, 2014, a two-hour “hands-on” workshop was held in the Pavilion at the Ozaukee County Fairgrounds in Cedarburg to make a Winter Woodland Basket. Therefore, the last OMG general business meeting was held on October 23, 2014. The next General Membership meeting is February 26, 2015. Because minutes are not reviewed at the Annual Meeting, minutes for both the October 23, 2014, and the January 22, 2015, meetings will be reviewed and approved at the February 26, 2015, meeting.

The OMG General Membership Meeting on January 22, 2015, was our Annual Meeting. We had a potluck dinner from 6:15-7:25 p.m. The annual meeting was called to order by President Carol Ross at 7:25 p.m.

New members introduced themselves.

The slate of officers for 2015 was distributed. Carol called for additional nominations from the floor, but none were made. Kathleen Awe made and Lou Hefle seconded a motion to approve the ballot as submitted on a voice vote. The motion was unanimously approved. Carol turned the meeting over to the new president Mary Reilly-Kliss. Mary R-K introduced the new officers and board members.

**2015 OMG officers and Executive Board Members:**

President Elect	Jerry Nelson
President	Mary Reilly-Kliss
Past President	Carol Ross
VP Operations Committees	Erin Schanen
VP Project Committees	Lynn Schmid
Community Garden Coordinator	Mary Reilly-Kliss
Treasurer	Pat Moreland
Secretary	Jean Schanen
Member at Large through 2015	Jim Eberhardt
Member at Large through 2016	Candy Witt
Member at Large through 2017	Marion Kanack
Member at Large through 2018	Mary Ingles

Outgoing board members Jane Spalding, Jerry Thurman, and Susie Granzow were thanked for their service.

Mary R-K distributed badges and certificates to the new graduates.

OMG members were recognized for the number of hours they volunteered. In addition, Susie Granzow and Kathleen Awe were recognized for volunteering 2500 hours, and they received special awards from the state as well as our Ozaukee Master Gardener organization. Congratulations and thank you, Susie and Kathleen!

Mary R-K told members that the volunteer hours form is being revised to (1) clarify the privacy law and ensure that members will be included in the membership directory if they want to be listed, (2) clarify what qualifies for hours, and (3) allow members to indicate whether they intend to continue as members. She explained that we are trying to update our membership list. She also said that an exemption form is available for members to use if they are unable to complete the minimum requirements of 24 hours of volunteer service and 10 hours of continuing education to recertify, but they intend to be an active Master Gardener Volunteer the next year. It is a single year exemption, and the member must complete the minimum requirements in the coming year to be recertified and continue in the MG program.

The Executive Board has approved adding the Port Washington Triangle Garden as one of OMG's Project Committees. Mary R-K asked for volunteers to help redesign and maintain the garden.

In a new initiative, OMG will award one or more grants (based on available funds) to any OMG volunteer seeking to attend a Local, State, Regional or National MGV conference or seminar or an approved non-Master Gardener event. The grant is available to OMG volunteers in good standing and is awarded on a merit basis to recipients who are recognized as leaders and/or active participants in the organization. Monies are to be applied to conference costs and will be distributed as a reimbursement when the recipient completes and submits all criteria listed on the Application Eligibility form. The OMG Education Committee will administer the program. Members should contact Mary R-K for more information if interested in applying for a grant.

Carol said that Melissa Rasmussen will schedule a Plant Sale meeting at the end of January or early February. Members interested in serving on the committee should attend. Carol also asked for a volunteer to chair the committee. Melissa is unable to continue as chair, but will work closely with the new chair.

The OMG bus trip to the Chicago Flower & Garden Show and Lincoln Park Conservatory is March 16, 2015. Registration deadline is February 17, 2015. This is a full day, using a chartered bus, starting with the Flower and Garden Show, then on to the Lincoln Park Conservatory with a stop for dinner on the way home. Cost is \$40 for the bus and entrance fee. See Dan O'Neil's 12/12/14 email for attachment of the flyer with details. (A copy of the flyer is also attached to the email used to send these minutes.)

The WIMGA Annual Conference will be July 31-August 1, 2015, in LaCrosse, WI. The International MG Conference will be September 22-25, 2015, in Council Bluffs, Iowa.

Susie Granzow said that the fall training class ran out of time, and a "jobs fair" will be held February 3, 2015, to introduce participants to committees and tell them how to earn hours. Each committee will have five minutes.

Mary R-K said Level 2 Training is available online. See the latest WIMGA newsletter for details.

Lou Hefle awarded door prizes, including a beautiful wooden bowl made by Bill Greymont.

Mary R-K adjourned the meeting at 8 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Mary Ingles, Secretary

**Mark your calendars!**

**2015 OMG general meeting programs: 7 p.m. at the Ozaukee County Administration Center Auditorium in Port Washington (unless otherwise stated)**

- **February 26, 2015** Growing Mushrooms, Steve Shapson
- **March 26, 2015** Invasive Plants of Wisconsin, Cody MacDonald and Brad Steckart
- **April 23, 2015** The Port Washington Community Garden, Dan Stacey
- **No May meeting because of the Heirloom Plant Sale**
- **June 25, 2015** Farms and Gardens in Cuba, Mary Ann Ihm
- **July Garden Crawl (date and time to be determined)**
- **August 27, 2015** Program to be determined
- **September 24, 2015** Program to be determined
- **October 22, 2015** Program to be determined
- **No November 2015 meeting because of Thanksgiving**
- **December date and location to be determined**

**Other upcoming programs:**

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