

Ozaukee Master Gardeners

Minutes of the General Meeting at Ozaukee County Administration Center Auditorium in Port Washington

February 26, 2015

From 7 to 7:50 pm, our guest speaker, Steve Shapson presented a program on Cultivating Edible Mushrooms. The general meeting was called to order at 8:10 p.m. by President Mary Reilly-Kliss

Minutes

The minutes (Mary Ingles) from the October 23, 2014, general meeting were unanimously approved as well as the minutes from the annual meeting, Jan. 22, 2015.

Treasurer's Report

The treasurer's report (Pat Moreland) was unanimously approved.

Agent's Report—Dan O'Neil

Dan notified the membership that another credit card machine was purchased for the plant sale and a new audio system was also purchased. A donation to the Washington/Ozaukee Land Trust of \$200 was made for use at the Forest Beach Migratory Preserve. He is looking into purchasing a new display unit to be used at the Ozaukee County Fair. He also noted that the surveys are being returned.

Project Committee Reports—(M. Lynn Schmid) via Carol Ross

Advocates (Kathleen Doenier, Michele Thur) Kathleen Downier reports: Advocates will meet Mar. 17 at 10:45 a.m. in Random Lake. This year they will move into phase 2 of the hill side entry make over. Last year a Northstar cherry tree and two Black Tower elderberry bushes were added as anchor plants. They also removed a lot of tansy.

All About Herbs (Kathleen Awe, Annie McNitt) Dates have been decided for spring presentations of All About Herbs. Flyers available. Members desiring to earn volunteer hours contact Kathleen Awe.

Kühfuss House (Susie Granzow) ■ Nothing to report.

Lasata (Judy O'Connell and Diane Strobel) Planning meeting dates to be advised.

Ozaukee County Fair (Cindy Behlen, Jim Layton) Held first planning meeting last week. Topic selected: Small Space Gardening (including vertical and square foot gardening)

Pioneer Village (Cathy Cabelka) Committee met Feb 26 prior to general MG meeting.

Plant Sale (Jane Spaulding) First plant sale meeting was held Feb. 11. Future plant sale dates have been set for Mar. 10 in Room 118 and April 9 in the auditorium from 6 – 7:30 p.m. Jane reminded people to respond to Connie Baldwin's emails requesting volunteers to help with the plant sale.

Port Triangle Garden (Heidi Janous, Jean Schanen) Currently pursuing design ideas to facilitate spring re-planting of garden. Meeting dates to be advised.

Tendick (Susie Granzow) Nothing to report.

U. S. S. Liberty Memorial Public Library (Grafton) (Sue Spatz and Joan Suelflow) Joan

Reports that the goal for 2015 is to continue to beautify the public space in front of the library and to encourage gardening with those who view this space. The annual plant exchange will be held in May (date/time to be advised).

Washington County Community Gardens (Mary Reilly-Kliss) Planning, meeting dates to be advised. WCCG already have a wait list for plots.

Webster Middle School (Stan Suring) No report.

Operations Committees Report—Erin Schanen

Education (Lou Hefle) Lou informed the membership that the programs through the end of 2015 have been scheduled and that they are working on the 2016 schedule. Future workshops being planned include Frenze in August and a Christmas workshop on Dec. 15. He reminded MGs to reserve space for the March 24 flower arranging workshop to be held at the Pavillion at the Ozaukee Cty. Fairgrounds. He also reported that the Education Committee has been asked by the West Bend Library to conduct a gardening mini series. Sessions scheduled are Mar. 23 – 6:30 pm with Kathleen Awe presenting a program on herbs. Mar. 28 – 10 am will feature Susie Granzow speaking about Basics of Flower Gardening. The 3rd session is yet to be scheduled, but they are

looking for someone who could present a program on Container Gardening or Landscaping. Please contact Lou if you wish to volunteer. (Monday, April 13, 6:pm, Amy Grinna will present Planting Some WOW in Your Container Gardening.”)

Hospitality (Nancy Byers and Carolyn MacLaurin) Thanks to those who brought refreshments. Sign up for future meetings on a sheet in the back. Note that preparing treats counts as volunteer hours.

Membership (Heidi Janous and Jean Schanen) Heidi gave a brief description of what the responsibilities of the membership committee are and noted that changes have occurred due to the resignation of Denise Jacoby who was responsible for logging hours. Joette Slaasted is the new volunteer hour coordinator. The main goal for 2015 is to regroup and keep a tighter rein on the membership as a whole. The committee is also working with individual members who cannot complete ours or pay dues and put them on an exempt status for one year

Newsletter (Roseann St. Aubin) Roseanne will solicit material for spring newsletter , specifically late March. She is looking for someone to write an article on the plant sale and someone to write about a new method of seed starting that they may be trying.

Publicity (Jean Schanen) Press release for Feb. speaker was sent to the media and garden clubs.

Website (De Murr) www.ozaukeeemastergardeners.org. The Educ. Com. gave De additional details for the general membership meeting programs which have been added. Website has been updated with new Lasata co-chairman Diane Strobel and Pioneer Village committee meetings have been added to the calendar. De updates the website as people submit events and other information. She reminds committees to send meeting and work days to her to post on the calendar.

Yard & Garden Line (BJ Kuehl, Maxine Ellis for Online YGL; Kathy Awe for Office YGL) The yard and garden line is going to start up again on Thursday afternoons in March. They could use some help. All MGs are welcome.

Old business

There was no old business to discuss.

New business

Jane Spaulding, Chair of the 2015 Herb Sale reminded members of the plant sale meetings scheduled for March 10 and April 9 at 6 p.m. in Room 118 of the Administration Bldg. She encourages everyone to attend the meetings to help make decisions. She suggested the possibility of recycling garden books and planters at the sale.

President, Mary R/K introduced the new initiative regarding member scholarship grants. She informed the membership of the basic requirements for a grant and that application forms will be posted on the web site. All information provided in requesting a grant will be confidential.

Level 2 training, which is Flowers and Landscapes starts 3/1/15 and is available to those enrolled until Oct. 1, 2015. The fee is \$30.00

Susie Granzow is in the process of creating an in depth description with pictures of all the projects and committees. When it is completed it will be sent to the list server.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Jean Schanen, 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)

- **March 26, Invasive Plants of Wisconsin, Cody MacDonald and Brad Steckart**

- **April 23, General Mtg.** The Port Washington Community Garden, Dan Stacey
- **No May meeting because of the Heirloom Plant Sale**
- **June 25, General Mtg.** Farms and Gardens in Cuba, Mary Ann Ihm
- **July Garden Crawl (date and time to be determined)**
- **August 27, General Mtg.** Native Plants, Dan Boelhke
- **September 24, General Mtg.** Pine View Animal Rehabilitation, Jeanne Lord
- **October 22, General Mtg.** Landscape Design, Carrie Hennessy
- **No November 2015 meeting because of Thanksgiving**
- **December date and location to be determined**

Other upcoming programs:

- **Thurs., March 19, 2015, All About Herbs Lecture Series** 7:00 p.m. Pavilion at Ozaukee County Fairgrounds. Infusing Flavor using Fresh & Dried Herbs by Ann Wegner.
- **Tues., March 24, 2015 Flower Arranging Workshop.** Pavilion at Ozaukee County Fairgrounds. 6:30 – 9 pm.\$30.00 cost. Reservations required by Mar. 14.
- **Tues., April 14, 2015 All About Herbs Lecture Series** 7:00 p.m. Pavilion at Ozaukee County Fairgrounds. The Wonderful World of Garlic by Steve Sandlin.
- **Tues., May 5, 2015 All About Herbs Lecture Series,** 7:00 p.m. Pavilion at Ozaukee County Fairgrounds. Harvesting & Preserving Herbs from your Garden by Kathleen Awe.
- **Sat., May 23, 2015 Heirloom & Herb Plant Sale,** Concordia University – 9:00 a.m.-12 p.m.

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