

**Ozaukee Master Gardeners
Minutes of the April General Meeting
Ozaukee County Administration Center, Port Washington, WI
7:00 PM, April 28th, 2016**

An educational program was presented by Linda Conroy an herbalist and forager. She spoke about "Wild Edibles & Wild Medicine Through the Seasons". Among other things, she is a wilderness first responder. To learn more about this subject, you can go to her website: www.moonwiseherbs.com .

Call to order at 8:15 PM -- President Jerry Nelson.

Minutes of the March 24th meeting were approved as distributed by e-mail.

Treasurer's Report—Pat Moreland

Pat Moreland, last year's treasurer, presented this month's report. Joy could not be here because she was attending her retirement party. However, her report was approved as presented.

Since some of the money in our account belongs to Hail's Trails, Joy communicated with them to see if they are aware of the amount.

A question was asked about Dan's tree and plaque. Both are progressing.

2016 Project Committee Reports—Cindy Behlen

ADVOCATES OF OZAUKEE – Kathleen Doenier, Chair

Advocates committee has had their spring clean-up and has two more work dates set. If you'd like to join us on May 10th and June 7th, please contact Kathleen Doenier for information on how to proceed. We are making big changes to some of the gardens, and there is truth in the old saying that "many hands make light work".

ALL ABOUT HERBS – Kathleen Awe & Denise Nelson

The final lecture is May 5th at the pavilion in Cedarburg. Nino Ridgeway will be lecturing on the herb of the year, peppers. Nino is an excellent speaker, and the food is always yummy, so you won't want to miss it.

HEIRLOOM PLANT SALE- Jane Spaulding

A huge thank you to everyone who has been working to get ready for the sale for all these months and to those who are signed up to work at setup or sale day.

We do need everyone and then some more. I encourage you to recruit family and friends to join us. If you have somehow NOT yet responded to Connie Baldwin's calls to volunteer, please do so NOW!

Help spread the word that the sale is on May 21 this year--that's the Saturday before Memorial

Day weekend. The 2016 plant list is now posted on our website and our Facebook page has a link to the list too. Start your shopping list today! Share the news with your gardening contacts.

Are you ready to part with some of your gardening books, or some old china planters or clay pots? Gather them up for resale at the Plant sale merchandise table.

Find your yummy recipes and shop for those tasty ingredients so you are ready to create for the Bakery table...perhaps treat yourself to a test batch.

Plant sale meeting on Tuesday, 5/3, at 6:30 for final sale prep and last-minute items.

Please watch your email for important reminders and updates as we countdown to another wonderful sale on 5/21.

KUHEFUSS HOUSE- Susie Granzow

We had a perfect day for spring cleanup last Saturday. Six workers finished most of the initial cleanup within three hours. We received a wheelbarrow full of free hostas to replace our missing/eaten ones. On a lovely springtime note, 6 of 8 hellebores are in bloom. So far, Susie has taught 7 people the basics of rose pruning using the rose bushes at Kuhfuss, with 4 more to go.

LASATA HORTICULTURAL THERAPY-Judy O'Connell & Diane Strobel

The gardens are poppin up and we are evaluating exactly how much damage has been done by the renovation of the Care Center building at Lasata. We are having a plant sale in the reception area this weekend starting on Thursday afternoon. Lots of tomatoes, clippings of geraniums and other miscellaneous plants. The benefits will go toward our Trishaw bike project. And if anyone wants to know more about this bike project, visit www.lasatacampus.com and click on Cycling Without Age. It's pretty cool!

OZAUKEE COUNTY FAIR-Cindy Behlen & Jim Layton

96 days left until the 2016 Ozaukee County Fair, which is Weds, August 3 thru Sunday, Aug 7. The fair is still FREE ADMISSION! We will begin filling the volunteer time slots in June, since we want to give you a bit of recovery time from the Plant Sale. We will again be looking for 3 volunteers per 3-hr time slot, which are 10-1, 1-4, 4-7, and 7-10 pm. Please be planning ahead for a time that suits you best. Visit www.ozaukeecountyfair.com for the schedule of events, and perhaps plan to work a shift before or after a favorite activity or concert. The Charlie Daniels Band will be the main stage attraction on Friday, August 5.

Although admission is free, parking is still \$10 per day if you want to be inside the gate. Otherwise, there is lots of street parking in the surrounding neighborhood. This year we are paying for an extra reserved parking spot near the building for anyone who has mobility concerns but would still like to work a shift. We haven't yet worked out the details, but it will

need to be requested at the time of shift sign-up. We will have more information available in June.

PIONEER VILLAGE-Cathy Cabelka

First work date is this coming Saturday starting at 8:30. Everyone is welcome to attend and help. All work dates are posted on the OMG calendar. More to report once we have been out to Pioneer and can assess the needs for the coming year.

PORT TRIANGLE GARDEN-Jean Schanen & Heidi Janous

A good showing of our volunteers met on Saturday, April 23 to clean up the garden. All tasks were completed, including the edging. Future work dates will be scheduled as the weather warms.

TENDICK PARK-Susie Granzow

Spring cleanup was April 16, and 3 people did lots of weeding and pruning. Good news -- the new plants planted last year are looking very healthy. Visitors to the park included a few people, a dog, and several garter snakes!

USS LIBERTY MEMORIAL LIBRARY (Grafton)-Joan Suelflow & Susan Spatz

The Grafton U.S.S. Liberty Memorial Library Garden Committee will have a garden cleanup and planting day Saturday, April 30th starting at 9:00 a.m. The annual plant exchange will take place Thursday May 5th from 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., Friday May 6th from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., and Saturday May 7th from 10:00 a.m. until all plants are distributed.

We need volunteers! Please contact Joan Suelflow at jjselflo@sbcglobal.net or Susan Spatz at susan.e.spatz@gmail.com.

WASHINGTON COUNTY COMMUNITY GARDEN-Mary Reilly-Kliss

We ARE "the Bees' Knees"!

Not only did we have an excellent opening day where we unloaded the marsh hay in a record 8 minutes and 56 seconds, but a working bee hive has been installed in one of our fallow plots. Right now, the bottom supers (boxes) containing the bees and their queen are in place. They are busy cleaning out the hive and setting up housekeeping. Once that is finished, two more supers will be installed and, if we are lucky, we will have honey this year. Stay tuned, and please follow the gardening season at the WCCG by following us on Facebook. If you search us out, be sure to include Wisconsin in the search or you will end up following a Washington County garden in the Pacific Northwest!

WEBSTER SCHOOL TEACHING GARDEN-Stan Suring & Marion Kanack

The Webster Green Team held Earth Day activities during the week of April 14, and on the 19th was the second semester field trip. It was a very informative and fun packed day. We toured OutPost Natural Foods and learned the philosophy behind organic foods and why we should leave a small footprint. We also visited Wellspring Organic Farm for planting and gardening information, and made our final stop at Riveredge Nature Center to enjoy some hiking and tree climbing!

May is crunch time. We need to complete the garden fence, design a new gate, prep the beds for planting and plant the beds! Anyone wishing to help mulch is most welcome from 2:45 to 4:30 pm on Thursday May 5th. Weather permitting! Extra hands are always appreciated. We will continue to meet every Thursday in May at the same time, 2:45- 4:30.

We hope to add 2 more raised beds for fall raspberries and ever-bearing strawberries. It would be great if anyone has extra plants and would like to donate them!

We would appreciate any one that would like to pick up extra volunteer hours when we get to the planting and prep of the gardens starting in May. Contact Stan or Marion for info.

Operations Committee Report—Erin Schanen

Education, Lou Hefle

No report

Hospitality, Carolyn MacLaurin and Nancy Byers

Nancy reports: Everything is going well for the hospitality committee because so many members have volunteered to bring in wonderful treats each month. We'd like to thank everyone who has taken the time to provide our group with such tasty snacks for our meetings.

Membership, Heidi Janous and Jean Schanen

Heidi reports: Membership-Not much happening right now. We have been working on the Mentor Program and as that becomes better organized, it will be launched at the appropriate time.

We will begin planning for the Summer Garden Crawl Event July 21. Details will be sent out in late spring, early summer.

We want to remind everyone to focus on logging their volunteer hours at all times, all year round. It is important we get credit for all the hours for state and county funding.

Newsletter, Roseann St. Aubin

Awaiting update

Publicity, Jean Schanen

A press release was sent to the local media concerning our speaker for the April general Ozaukee Master Gardener meeting.

Website, De Murr

The website is refreshing all its photos. I have received many lovely photos from several photos and would love to have more. As you work on projects for OMG or have a photo of a lovely plant in your own garden, send them to me.

Yard & Garden Line (YGL), Maxine Ellis-Online and Kathleen Awe-Office

Kathleen reports: I worked the yard and garden line the end of last month, and I just got one call. I expect it to pick up with the nice weather. We could really use a few new people. Everyone is invited on our Thurs. afternoons to see what it is all about.

Old Business—

Mary Riley-Kliss – Mike Maddox will be teaching an instructional class or meeting with us in a “Fireside Chat” format. There will be a 1 ½ hour class, a ½ hour break, and then some kind of application of the Horticultural Therapy discussed in the morning class.

There are also some very good training manuals for sale for \$20. They have much of the information in the first training class.

Jane asked what the timeline for hiring a new county agricultural agent is. We are one of a larger Master Gardener groups and are in need of one.

New Business

No new business (Just Jerry’s jokes)

Adjournment—8:45

Next General Meeting—May 26, 2016 If needed)