

Operations Committees 9/27/15

Education, Lou Hefle

Lou: 22 people participated in the wind chime workshop last Saturday. It was a great experience with everyone leaving with their own version of a wind chime.

Hospitality, Carolyn MacLaurin and Nancy Byers

- Thank you to everyone who brought snacks. A sign-up sheet for future meetings is on the back table.

Membership, Heidi Janous and Jean Schanen

- Heidi reports that the annual summer garden crawl on Aug. 6 was a success with 87 participants. Both Dorothy Danforth's and Cindy Palmersheim's gardens were fabulous and provided enjoyment and great learning opportunities for all who attended. Jean and Heidi are seeking garden Hosts for 2016 and are encouraging anyone interested to contact us as soon as possible.
- Volunteer Hours and Annual MG dues will be submitted for the October 1 deadline. Joette will be the new Volunteer Hour Manager and the committee will be doing a more in depth overall management of member status with follow-up to those members who are falling short of hours and due payments. No report.

Newsletter, Roseann St. Aubin

The Summer newsletter was successfully published and circulated on August 13. It has been submitted for upload to the OMG website. The editor would like to remind everyone that the website contains our past issues of The Best Dirt.

Editor Roseann St. Aubin was delighted that so many MGs took the time to submit photos and articles. There were twelve contributors, which is a higher number than we have seen in recent years. At least two of the contributors were MGs who replied to a recent member survey that they would like to help with the newsletter, so that's great! Please note that work on the holiday newsletter, which is usually circulated by mid-December, will begin in November. Stash away your photos and stories about garden clean-up, favorite plants, best (or worst) performing tomatoes, as well as recipes, book reviews or holiday gift recommendations for gardeners. An email soliciting your material will be sent to the listserv in November.

Publicity, Jean Schanen

- A press release was sent to the local media concerning our speaker for the August 27 general Ozaukee Master Gardener meeting. A reminder to the person responsible for the speaker to send information regarding the topic to me by the beginning of the month.

Website, De Murr

- De continues to keep the website calendar updated with committee meetings and other activities.

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

- Kathleen reports that the Yard and Garden Line is in full swing. Last time she worked, they had people with specimens the whole 3 hours. They are still looking for help.