

Project Committee Report

AUG 27, 2015

Committee Chairperson(s)	Activity
<p><u>Advocates</u> Michele Thur Kathleen Doenier</p>	<p>Kathleen reports: OMG volunteers working at Advocates are far from calling the season over and done! In fact we are gearing up for one of our biggest workdays of the year. In mid-September, a large crew of Rockwell's Day of Caring volunteers descends on the property to spend the day fixing, painting, landscaping, sorting, building, etc.</p> <p>Our job is to co-ordinate all things garden/plant/landscape related. It's a great day of many hands making light work of things such as setting up raised beds, removing declining shrubs, trimming trees, transplanting perennials, and whatever plant-related tasks we can dream up that may make the place that is <i>Advocates of Ozaukee</i> a warm, welcoming location for both its clients and staff.</p>
<p><u>All About Herbs</u> Kathleen Awe Annie McNitt</p>	<p>Kathleen reports: the <i>All About Herbs</i> series in Spring 2015 was very successful! Now the team is planning for Spring 2016 herb series, and topics are: SOUPS, RAW FOODS, and PEPPERS (the herb of the year). The lecture dates in 2016 are: March 15, April 16, and May 5. <i>For additional details, see article in The Best Dirt, Summer 2015, page 6</i></p>
<p><u>Kühfuss House</u> Susie Granzow</p>	<p>Susie and her OMG volunteers continue to dedicate their efforts at the Kühfuss House gardens. If you are visiting downtown Cedarburg, stop by to admire this gem in the heart of the city.</p>
<p><u>Lasata</u> Judy O'Connell Diane Strobel</p>	<p>Judy reports: All gardens on the south side of building were redesigned and replanted this last fall, and it was a tremendous improvement. They were beautiful all year, except for the two Japanese Maples that will need to be replaced. Two new planters— with slanted bottoms so the wheel chairs can get right up to them—have been wonderful for our residents!</p> <p>Due to the building renovation in progress at Lasata, Tom Nelson dug out all hostas along the east wing and planted them in other places (to be returned when our building renovation is complete). The same will happen to the garden near front entrance this fall as work on that area begins. The walking trail in the field was completed this summer, which means another small garden will need to be planted on the fourth corner. It is a square walking trail with a garden on each corner.</p>
<p><u>Ozaukee County Fair</u> Cindy Behlen Jim Layton</p>	<p>Cindy reports: A huge THANK YOU goes out to everyone who helped in some way to make this year's SMALL SPACE GARDENING booth at the County Fair a successful presentation. Our new booth is lighter weight, and was relatively easy to put up in our new booth location within the Commercial Building, which we felt gave us better visibility.</p>

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(Oz County Fair – continued)	<p>We had an abundance of live container plants in addition to our demonstration floor model of a Square Foot and Vertical Garden. We held a daily door prize drawing for several lovely gardening items, some of which were handmade by our own committee members. We had a collapsible flower vase imprinted with our OMG logo as a new booth give-away this year, as well as theme-related gardening handouts prepared especially for this year's topic. As usual, our volunteers fielded a wide variety of gardening questions, with the highest number of questions relating to vegetable gardening, roses and other flowers, and our topic of Small Space Gardening.</p> <p><i>For additional details, see article in The Best Dirt, Summer 2015, page 3</i></p>
<p><u>Pioneer Village</u> Cathy Cabelka</p>	<p>Cathy reports: Setting up work dates just prior to events at Pioneer Village has worked well. Plantings look great! There are TWO work dates remaining: SEPT 10 at 6:00 pm and OCT 10 at 8:30 am.</p>
<p><u>Plant Sale</u> Jane Spalding</p>	<p>Jane brought her energy, enthusiasm and work ethic to the table when she accepted the role of Plant Sale Coordinator for 2015. The sale was an amazing success for our OMG organization, thanks to the efforts of Jane and the entire team of volunteers! <u>Jane has agreed to be the Plant Sale Coordinator once again in 2016, but she is seeking a PARTNER to assist with a variety of duties and details.</u> If you feel you possess the skill set needed to help manage this committee in 2016, please contact President Mary Reilly-Kliss, Jerry Nelson, or Jane Spalding for further discussion.</p> <p><i>For additional details, see article in The Best Dirt, Summer 2015, page 13</i></p>
<p><u>Port Δ Triangle Δ Garden</u> Jean Schanen Heidi Janous</p>	<p>Heidi and Jean report: All new plant stock was planted in July. Also, seven yards of mulch were applied in July. Continual maintenance, dead heading, and watering has this new garden project looking like a million bucks!</p> <p>We have a nice weekly rotating schedule for garden maintenance to ensure this highly visible garden in downtown Port Washington remains lovely through the growing season.</p> <p><i>For additional details, see article in The Best Dirt, Summer 2015, page 7</i></p>
<p><u>Tendick</u> Susie Granzow</p>	<p>Tendick Park is still “tended” by OMG Susie Granzow. Susie has accomplished major changes at the Tendick Park location, and gives much credit to OMG Lavonne for her efforts with the veggie garden.</p> <p><i>For additional details, see article in The Best Dirt, Summer 2015, page 12</i></p>
<p><u>U.S.S. Liberty Memorial Public Library (Grafton)</u> Sue Spatz, Joan Suelflow</p>	<p>Joan reports: About ten volunteers have given care to the garden this season, and everyone's help is greatly appreciated. The garden is colorful and healthy-looking. We're covered with care until fall clean-up (actual date, to be advised).</p>

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<p data-bbox="115 159 570 233"><u>Washington County Community Gardens</u></p> <p data-bbox="115 254 347 289">Mary Reilly-Kliss</p>	<p data-bbox="570 159 1529 348">Mary RK reports: Our WCCG Pot Luck was held on Sunday, AUG 23, when the "Water Boys" and "Weed Walkers" were recognized for their dedication in keeping tanks filled and weeds at bay. We have harvested 3,045 lbs of food through August 19, and the gardeners have volunteered 235 hours. It's not too late to come and visit!</p>
<p data-bbox="115 390 570 426"><u>Webster Middle School</u></p> <p data-bbox="115 447 282 483">Stan Suring</p>	<p data-bbox="570 390 1529 579">Stan reports: The Webster Garden Project faced a number of challenges with our primary contact at Webster Middle School (the eighth grade science teacher) leaving for medical leave from late May till mid-August. However, with the extra effort provided by adult volunteers, we did manage to plant and maintain our garden beds.</p> <p data-bbox="570 621 1529 852">Fortunately, another teacher (along with a number of student mentors) stepped in to lead the "Little Sprouts" early summer program. There were two "sold out" classes for pre-kindergarten kids who planted the two garden beds reserved for that program. With our primary contact back from her leave, we are now making plans to begin our major project for this year which is to replace the current perimeter fencing.</p> <p data-bbox="570 894 1529 1209">This new fence will double the size of the garden area and will then allow additional activities to be added to this project. <u>Since much of the work required to replace fencing will require the help of adult volunteers, we are looking for help from OMG volunteers to assist us during the month of September.</u> Should any of you be willing to help, please provide your name and email address to ssuring@gmail.com (I will then contact you with the scheduled dates and times when we will be working on this project.)</p>