

**Ozaukee Master Gardeners  
Minutes of the April, 2017 General Meeting  
Ozaukee County Administration Center, Port Washington, WI  
7:00 PM, April 26, 2017**

An educational program was presented by Kristin Gies, Executive Director of the Mequon Nature Preserve, about the Preserve.

**Call to order at 8:00 PM -- President Jim Layton .**

**Minutes**

Since the agenda with the minutes was not sent out, approval was waived until the May meeting. There were copies available but they ran out.

**Treasurer's Report—Joy Schulz**

Her financial report was approved as presented.

**2017 Project Committee Reports**

**ADVOCATES OF OZAUKEE – Kathleen Doenier, Chair**

Last week we had our first peek at the project's gardens. Everything looked to be in order; we're anxiously awaiting our fall plantings of prairie grasses and butterfly weed to show signs of life. In addition to cleaning and weeding flowerbeds, we've potted up daylilies, irises, spiderwort, ferns, and more to add to this year's Kaleidoscope Table.

**ALL ABOUT HERBS – Kathleen Awe & Denise Nelson**

The last All About Herbs lecture is next week on Tuesday, May 2nd. Nino Ridgway is speaking on Cilantro/coriander.

**HEIRLOOM PLANT SALE- Jerry Nelson**

The Plant Sale preparation is coming along well, with specific aspects all coming together. Advertising is in place, plants have been ordered, decision about Kaleidoscope plants and jumping worms has been made. If you haven't heard, **the protocol is as follows: If you have, or suspect that you have, jumping worms - Do Not donate plants.** If you do not have jumping worms, use the approach you have used in past years for donating plants. If you choose, you may wash the roots and repot in fresh potting soil. On the back table, you will find some plant tags for use in identifying your donation. These can also be found on the website.

Jeanne Mantsch is still in need of more volunteers, so if you haven't signed up, please do so.

I will be sending out the forms for Project Shopping this coming week. I also will be sending out an update on the Project Plan. We will go through this at our next Plant Sale meeting scheduled for May 4, at 7:30 PM, in this room. I hope to see many of you there.

#### **KUHEFUSS HOUSE- Susie Granzow**

Spring cleanup is scheduled for Sat, May 13, 8:30 am.

#### **LASATA HORTICULTURAL THERAPY-Judy O'Connell**

Spring has definitely sprung at Lasata. All spring flowers are in full bloom and the gardens have been spring- cleaned. We are excited about a new garden being developed that will be visible from the porch on the Memory Care unit. We are looking forward to talking to the 2017 class of Master Gardeners on Monday at the project fair.

#### **OZAUKEE COUNTY FAIR-Mary DeLuca**

The committee met in April. Reservations for the booth space are underway. Our budget has been approved. Giveaways are all set. There are 3 different confirmed donations for door prizes. Committee members are working on handouts/other informational material. We'll be promoting the fair booth at the plant sale tea table and continue to work on other promotional activities. Committee members are researching WI native plants.

#### **PIONEER VILLAGE-Cathy Cabelka**

Nothing new for Pioneer Village other than the first work date is scheduled for Saturday, May 6, starting at 8:30 am. Everyone is welcome.

#### **PORT TRIANGLE GARDEN-Jean Schanen & Heidi Janous**

A work day was held on Sat, April 8. Basic cleanup of the garden was accomplished and we thank all those who came to help. An electronic calendar has been created for signing up for work weeks at the garden and will be available once we have done basic maintenance and mulching. Watch your email for an upcoming work Sat. to weed, transplant new plants and move a few plants to new locations.

### **TENDICK PARK-Susie Granzow**

Is one of the sites for the Treasures of Oz Eco Tour on Saturday, June 17

For info online, search [Treasures of Oz 2017](#)

### **USS LIBERTY MEMORIAL LIBRARY (Grafton)-Joan Suelflow**

Clean-up is this Saturday starting about 9 am, even though a light rain is forecast. Plant exchange at the Grafton Library is next week Thursday and Friday, with pick up on Saturday. We're covered for volunteers on Friday and Saturday, but need someone to cover on Thursday between 11:30 and 1:30.

### **WASHINGTON COUNTY COMMUNITY GARDEN-Mary Reilly-Kliss**

The WCCG is up and planting! We opened on Saturday, April 22, all plots are spoken for and we have started a wait list for 2018.

### **WEBSTER SCHOOL TEACHING GARDEN-Stan Suring & Marion Kanack**

The Green Team began readying the beds for planting, and students were amazed at the number of weeds that needed to be pulled and composted. We inventoried and prioritized our needs, and will need to reinforce and repair the beds, since winter has been hard on the structures. Then we will do soil prep with bags of compost. The raspberries are going to need some transplanting and there is a grassy area that will likely need to be mulched after the grass is killed, as well as more mulch around the beds. There are two full Sprout classes for summer school. We planted peas and kohlrabi for them to taste. There is a group of 4-H Explorers that will be planting one of the beds as well. We will have more information in a couple weeks. We are taking a field trip sponsored by Riveredge Nature Center on Thursday, May 4th. Part of the trip will be spent removing and identifying invasive species, and the remainder of the time will either involve tree climbing or doing water experiments.

### **Operations Committees 4/27/1**

Education, Susie Granzow and Janet Silverman reporting

The tour of PortFish held on April 7 was very interesting and well attended—We had 19 people registered and 18 people showed up for the tour (one no-show). Three of the attendees are members of our new training class.

The Education Committee purchased a new 3 panel display board which will be used the Pollinator display this year. We purchased a new table-top display board which is reversible, Velcro friendly, light-weight, and includes a carrying case for easy transport and storage.

It will be set up in the Grafton Library on May 1 and on June 1 it will be transferred to the Niederkorn Library in Port Washington.

We need someone to chair this committee Level 1 Training : Students are starting to try out various committees for their volunteer hours.

The final class date was rescheduled to Monday, May 1 in order to accommodate the need for our PPT equipment for the All About Herbs lecture Tue, May 2.

The May 2 Herb lecture has been offered to the students as a field trip – educational, fun, and an introduction to one of our committees.

Susie and Kathy Awe will have a booth at the Mequon Arbor Day on Sunday, April 30.

Next committee meeting is Thursday, May 4, 7pm, Room 118.

Hospitality, Carolyn MacLaurin and Nancy Byers

Thanks to everyone who brought refreshments tonight. Please consider bringing refreshments for future meetings and remember that your prep times counts towards your hours.

Membership, Heidi Janous and Jean Schanen

We have secured Christopher Farms for the OZMG Summer Event/Summer Garden Crawl.

The date is July 27, Thursday. A “Save the Date” will be in The Best Dirt and will sent via the List Serve.

A detailed invitation will be sent in the near future also via the List Serve.

Marion Knack, our Mentor Sub Committee Chair continues to steer the mentors and their mentees through their initial training class.

Newsletter, Roseann St. Aubin

Take a break from your spring weeding and mulch-moving and send me any materials you would like included in the SPRING issue of The Best Dirt, our Ozaukee Master Gardeners newsletter.

Send your articles, photos (with captions) to me at [roseannstaubin@gmail.com](mailto:roseannstaubin@gmail.com)

**What to send? We could use**

- review of a new gardening book
- a story about a vegetable you wish to plant this year
- a recipe using garden veggies
- and of course, updates on our project gardens.

**The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.**

**Next General Meeting**—June 22<sup>nd</sup> (No general meeting in May)