

**Ozaukee Master Gardeners
Minutes of the March General Meeting
Ozaukee County Administration Center, Port Washington, WI
7:00 PM, March 23rd, 2017**

The program "Bats and Humans Need Each Other", was presented by Wisconsin Master Naturalists Janet and Andy Raddatz at 7:00 pm.

The general meeting was called to order by Jerry Nelson since President Jim Layton was out of town.

Minutes—Kay Krier

The minutes from 3 meetings had been e-mailed along with the agenda. They were all approved. They were from October 2016, January 2017, and February, 2017.

Treasurers Report - Joy Schultz

The Treasurer's report had been emailed. It was approved as presented.

Project Committee Report - Cindy Behlen

ADVOCATES OF OZAUKEE – Kathleen Doenier, Chair

We had our planning meeting earlier this week and have our ducks in a really fine row. Our first work day is planned for Tuesday, April 18th at 9 a.m. We'll be seeing how winter has treated our new native planting on the Goat Hill and gathering up extra plants for the Kaleidoscope table.

There are 6+ separate areas that we maintain as gardens. We'd love to have you join us this year. Speak with Kathleen Doenier who can fill you in on how you can join the work at this shelter for families. Its location is not public knowledge so as to insure the safety of past, present, and future clients and staff.

ALL ABOUT HERBS – Kathleen Awe & Denise Nelson

The remaining lectures for All about Herbs are Apr 4th Monarchs, and May 2nd Cilantro/Coriander.

HEIRLOOM PLANT SALE- Jerry Nelson

All of you should have received an email through List Serve which gave a summary of the March 9 Plant Sale meeting and an updated copy of the Project Plan. There are a couple of additions and a correction.

First the CORRECTION. In the email I make reference to Martha having a listing from Radtke. I should have said **Margaret** had a listing from Radtke. My apologies to Margaret and the rest of you for that oops.

Additions would include Stephanie Camp assisting Jean Schanen with the distribution of publicity. It's good to see the members of the training class stepping forward. And, Kathy Awe will be assisting Susie Bingham with Kaleidoscope. Another addition is that Mike Spalding will drive the rented truck. This will take a big burden off of the members (Stan, Bill and others) who last year made numerous trips to pick up plants.

KUHEFUSS HOUSE- Susie Granzow

Nothing to report

LASATA HORTICULTURAL THERAPY-Judy O'Connell & Diane Strobel

Judy is planting tomato, kale, pepper, onion, and cabbage seeds with the residents. Also, she is taking geranium cuttings for pots.

We will be having a Spring meeting in early April and discuss at that time what, when and how we're going to implement our ideas from our Fall meeting! We have replanted most of the beds around the campus after the building renovation was completed last spring/summer. Now, we need to look at freshening up and filling in what may not have survived the move.

As always, we would LOVE more volunteers.

OZAUKEE COUNTY FAIR-Mary DeLuca

The Fair Committee met this week. Committee members will be researching WI native plants. Some give away/door prizes have been finalized. Fair Booth promotional material will be displayed at the Plant Sale Tea Table. Other promotional activities are being planned.

PIONEER VILLAGE-Cathy Cabelka

Pioneer Village Committee members met just prior to our February general meeting. Work dates for the coming season were set. These dates are posted on the OMG webpage. Spring cleanup will take place Saturday, May 6 beginning at 8:30 am. All OMG members are welcome to attend any scheduled work date. We plan to work with the Village caretakers in redoing the bed in front of the old restrooms. I anticipate an early April meeting with the caretakers to discuss bed preparation and plant selection.

PORT TRIANGLE GARDEN-Jean Schanen & Heidi Janous

No report submitted

TENDICK PARK-Susie Granzow

Nothing to report.

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

I'll get all the specifics on our plant exchange and then send it on to you. The library does all the advertising for the annual Spring Plant Exchange, and a different staff person is to be in charge of it this year. Joan will check with her and then will forward the specifics to you all. At this point, all we know is that May 4 and 5 are the two days for bring in garden plants, and Saturday,

the 6th, is the date of the plant exchange. Volunteers from OMG assist throughout the day. We need to emphasize that more volunteers are needed to join our group at the library garden. Please contact Joan to find out how your help is needed with this project.

WASHINGTON COUNTY COMMUNITY GARDEN-Mary Reilly-Kliss

We are all set to go for 2017, our 10th Anniversary. The gardeners each received "swag bags" to commemorate the event along with seeds from Seed Savers, Baker Creek, and MI Gardener. The registration sessions went really well with the help of three OMG trainees taking fees and forms. Our target opening day is Earth Day, April 22.

Please "like" us and follow us on Facebook by finding Washington County Community Garden Wisconsin.

WEBSTER SCHOOL TEACHING GARDEN-Stan Suring & Marion Kanack

The Webster Green Team was recognized by the Seed Keeper Project for its school gardening efforts. This recognition is awarded to one school garden per state across the country that exemplifies the belief that it is OUR responsibility to take part in educating future generations about the benefits of gardening and particularly growing your own food. Our very own Green Team is the Wisconsin state winner. Jodi Rogahn, the Green Team club advisor at Webster, received word in early March. The Seed Keeper Project is sponsored by the Seed Keeper Company, and they awarded a certificate, a seed keeper organizational system, a book entitled Garden-pedia, a "seed of the month club" and a garden pruner. Many thanks to Erin Schanen for bringing this organization and project to our attention, encouraging us to "put our hat in the ring".

The Green Team meeting in March was for seasonal fun! We divided into two rotating groups. One group began with tapping some Maple trees. This group was led by Riveredge resident Scientist/Naturalist, Kendra Swanson. The second group made mini-greenhouses out of recycled milk jugs for winter sowing. We will use the plants in our garden this spring.

Operations Committee Report - Erin Schanen

Education, Susie Granzow and Janet Silverman reporting

The Education Committee sponsored a Karthaus and Sons tour last Thursday (March 16). There were about 25 OMGs participating. The tour was excellent—the stunning colors of the flowers blooming in the greenhouses were a feast for our eyes at this time of year after a long gray winter. Brian Karthaus is a superb tour guide and shared a wealth of information with us.

The upcoming tour of PortFish, scheduled for Friday, April 7 at 1:00 has filled. The closing date for those wishing to attend is Friday, March 24. Janet was planning to schedule another tour later that day if it was needed, but she hasn't heard from anyone in the past week or so.

For level 1 training, they have completed 8 of the 14 training sessions.

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 time counts towards your hours.

Membership, Heidi Janous and Jean Schanen

Membership committee is still looking for volunteers to host the annual Summer Garden Crawl. Please contact Heidi Janous or Jean Schanen if you would like to be the host/hostess for this summer's event. Remember that Ozaukee Master Gardeners brings the food and portable toilet.

Newsletter, Roseann St. Aubin

No report.

Publicity, Jean Schanen

Press release announcing the guest speaker for the March Ozaukee Master Gardener meeting was sent to the local media. Press releases for the Herb Lecture series were sent to local media as well as Milwaukee.

Website, Rob CharlierAnglim

Thank you to all the committee members who sent me items to update on the Website and a reminder:

Please make the changes how you want it to be said on the website. Some members are still asking me to change what is written for their postings. Whatever needs to be corrected or changed is up to each committee chair person to make those changes and send them on to Rob.

All members of the Ozaukee Master Gardeners, if you have any photos of your gardens, or places you have gone to please forward them to Rob so that he can post them on the website.

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

No report, but per last month's report the (phone) Yard and Garden Line will start up again on April 1st.

Old Business

Jean Schanen - Beautification Award

The Port Washington Chamber of Commerce honored the Ozaukee Master Gardeners with the Beautification Award. The new Triangle Committee updated the downtown triangle garden last summer. It looks beautiful now. Jean Schanen was given a plaque and a letter from the committee, a letter from Congressman Glen Grothmann.

New Business

There was no new business.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:52 p.m.

Next Meeting - April 27, 2017