

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

An educational program called "The Art of Winter Pruning" was presented by Sheila Yoder of Lammscapes.

Call to order at 8:13 PM -- President Jim Layton .

Minutes

Since the minutes were not sent out, approval was waived until the March meeting.

Treasurer's Report—Joy Schulz

She has paid for our new accident insurance for our members. It covers each member while participating or attending a regular group activity. There is full coverage while traveling to and from a group activity. For more information here is their link:



OMG Accident
Insurance20170317_1

Her financial report was approved as presented.

2017 Project Committee Reports

Cindy Behling read the Project Committee Reports that she collected.

ADVOCATES OF OZAUKEE – Kathleen Doenier

Advocates will be kicking off the gardening season by holding our planning meeting in early March. We endeavor to make the gardens at this shelter for families welcoming and beautiful. You are most welcome to join us this year. We usually work on a weekday twice a month April through September. For the benefit of new OMG members, this family shelter has strict confidentiality procedures in place for their protection. Please contact Kathleen Doenier to get an invitation to our planning meeting and to find out how you can be helpful and make a difference.

ALL ABOUT HERBS – Kathleen Awe & Denise Nelson

The "All About Herbs" Lecture Series planning is complete. Publicity is going out and information is on the OMG website. Please check it out for all the details. The first lecture in the

series is on Thursday, March 16. The speakers are scheduled and the herbal refreshments are planned. We are just waiting for the dates to arrive. We want to extend a special invite to all our new Master Gardeners to attend this informative series of lectures.

HEIRLOOM PLANT SALE- Jerry Nelson

No report submitted. However, I can say that the first Plant Sale meeting was held February 6, and major positions have been filled. In addition to Jerry as our coordinator for this year, Joya Locklair is Facilities coordinator, Jeanne Mantsch & Bill Greymont are coordinating the volunteer schedule, and our plant guru, Margaret Burton, is in charge of acquiring plants. Be watchful for upcoming emails regarding the progress of preparations for the Plant Sale. We will need “all hands on deck” as preparations continue. Better yet – mark your calendar now with the date of the next Plant Sale planning meeting, scheduled for Thursday, March 9, at 7 pm right here in the Auditorium.

KUHEFUSS HOUSE- Susie Granzow

It is still a bit early in the season, and Susie has nothing new to report.

LASATA HORTICULTURAL THERAPY-Judy O’Connell & Diane Strobel

We will have a planning and organizational meeting in March. One last garden needs to be built on the walking path this year, and Diane is developing the final design for that garden. We need to recruit additional volunteers to adequately cover all our gardens. The volunteer can choose which garden to assist with and will pair up with one of our existing volunteers to keep up that garden. Please get in touch with Judy or Diane to offer your help on this project.

OZAUKEE COUNTY FAIR-Mary DeLuca

Our first committee meeting was on Jan. 26, 2017. There are currently 8 members on the committee, including the chairperson. Specific roles and responsibilities were discussed. We need more help on this committee, and Mary is still hoping someone will step up to assist her in co-chairing this 5-day event. Please consider this position, since many hands make a lighter load for all. The fair booth theme for this year is **Wisconsin Native Plants**. The next meeting will be March 13 from 5:30 – 6:30 pm in Room #117.

PIONEER VILLAGE-Cathy Cabelka

No report submitted

PORT TRIANGLE GARDEN-Jean Schanen & Heidi Janous

Jean Schanen accepted the City of Port Washington Beautification Award on January 26th on behalf of the Triangle Garden Committee and the Ozaukee Master Gardeners. The committee was thrilled to be recognized. This Award was wonderful recognition and appreciation for the OMGs and their volunteer contributions to Port Washington.

TENDICK PARK-Susie Granzow

Again, too early for anything to report. Stay tuned for news next month.

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

No report submitted

WASHINGTON COUNTY COMMUNITY GARDEN-Mary Reilly-Kliss

The WCCG will be celebrating its 10th Anniversary in 2017. We will have registration on Saturday, March 18 and Monday, March 20, and have a tentative opening date of Earth Day, April 22.

WEBSTER SCHOOL TEACHING GARDEN-Stan Suring & Marion Kanack

The Green Team made evergreen swags in December. We discussed the different types of evergreens and reviewed the design principles discussed earlier this fall.

The Green Team has been involved in the Healthy Initiative at Webster. They worked with the district to have the kitchen staff make kale chips and roasted parsnips for lunch samples. The kale chips were such a hit that they will be included on the Webster menu. They are also working on getting the kitchen to compost more materials!

We also worked on our Garden sign and made plant labels using recycled materials. We are going to be doing some winter sowing soon and garden bed planning.

Our numbers are holding steady. We average between 20 and 30 students for each meeting!

Operations Committees 2/23/17

In Erin Schanen's absence, Cindy Behling read the reports from the different committees.

Education, Susie Granzow reporting • We are still looking for someone to chair this committee
• We have speakers scheduled for our monthly meetings through October 2017, and we're working on some field trips • New MG Level 1 training class ◦ 26 trainees ◦ Each trainee will have a mentor for the first year to welcome them into our group and answer questions ◦ We have completed 4 of the 14 classes ◦ The main focus during the classroom time is on how and where to find the right information to answer people's gardening questions

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

Heidi reports: We had a strong turnout at the OMG Annual Meeting and Pot Luck on January 26th. In addition to the delicious food choices, exceptional volunteer hours were recognized and awarded. This year was very special as we celebrated the 15 year anniversary of the Ozaukee Master Gardeners by inviting the original board of directors. The original president, John Kovatch, was the only one who attended, and was presented with a plaque of appreciation from our current membership. We will begin sourcing for our Summer Garden Crawl venues soon.

The Mentor Program formally kicked off at the Initial Training Class Tuesday, February 21 when our new trainees were introduced to their mentors prior to their class. Marion Knack has been instrumental in developing and implementing this very important program.

Newsletter, Roseann St. Aubin

We will produce the spring issue in April. A request for submissions will be sent in early April. But as always, material is accepted and encouraged at any time. Please send all photos, photo captions, book reviews, articles on your favorite plant, your efforts to start seeds early, and more! All material to Roseann St.Aubin via her email as listed in the member directory. And - a note about photos you send for use in the newsletter. We always encourage you to have permission of photo subjects to take and use their photos. We have discussed having photo releases on file for all the MGVs. The Board may discuss a protocol for having forms available for MGVs to use if they would like to include nonMGVs in pictures. But in the meantime, please do your best to get permissions from your photo subjects. As always - juvenile children should

not appear in your photos without you checking that their parents or guardians have provided permission.

Publicity, Jean Schanen

Press release announcing our guest speaker was sent to the local media and garden clubs.

Facebook, Erin Schanen

Please send your OMG events and updates that are appropriate for publicizing on Facebook to Erin Schanen (erinschanen@me.com) or Mary-Reilly Kliss. Please make sure that you also send a photo to accompany a Facebook post that follows the same criteria laid out for newsletter photo submissions. It's very important that Facebook posts include photos so they are seen.

Website, Rob CharlierAnglim

Rob would like people submitting photos to follow the guidelines put out by the extension office.

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

Maxine reports: The online Yard & Garden Line questions have slowed down during these winter months. We have had questions about the new class. The questions usually pick up as the weather warms up.

Kathleen reports: The (phone) Yard and Garden Line will start up again in April.

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

Next General Meeting—March 23, 2016