

**Ozaukee Master Gardeners
Minutes of the October General Meeting
Ozaukee County Administration Center, Port Washington, WI
7:00 PM, October 27, 2016**

Apple Quest Program

Pete Hoffman spoke about his life goal of trying to find 500 new varieties of apples. He described some of the varieties he has found and the difficulties he's had in his quest. He provided a wide variety of apples, not commonly found, to the members. It was a treat that helped us refine our tastes in apples.

Call to Order—Jerry Nelson

Minutes—Kay Krier

The minutes from the September 2016 meeting were approved as presented on line and at the meeting.

Treasurer's Report--Joy Schultz

Joy explained the details of the financial report, which was available at the meeting. It was approved as presented.

Project Committee Report - Cindy Behlen

ADVOCATES OF OZAUKEE – Kathleen Doenier, Chair

To summarize this year's work in a word: TRANSFORMATION!

Our somewhat faded rose walk is on its way to becoming a vibrant herb-lined path.

The overgrown hillside at the project's entrance is becoming a showcase of lower maintenance native grasses and colorful, long-blooming butterfly weeds.

This winter we plan to focus on designs for two other visually prominent gardens on the property.

ALL ABOUT HERBS – Kathleen Awe & Denise Nelson

Nothing new to report.

HEIRLOOM PLANT SALE- Jane Spaulding

Nothing new to report on the Plant Sale.

KUHEFUSS HOUSE- Susie Granzow

- We did our fall cleanup at Kuhefuss last Saturday, including removing a couple small volunteer trees
- We will have a final cleanup in mid-November of the plants that were still blooming Saturday
- The lacecap hydrangeas have deep rose blooms and the leaves are turning a reddish color

LASATA HORTICULTURAL THERAPY-Judy O'Connell & Diane Strobel

No report was submitted.

OZAUKEE COUNTY FAIR-Mary DeLuca

I have assumed responsibility of the OMG County Fair chairperson position for 2017. I am still looking for someone who would be interested in assuming the co-chair position. We are still looking at theme options for 2017. If any one is interested in contributing ideas, I would like to hear from you.

PIONEER VILLAGE-Cathy Cabelka

Fall clean up was held on Saturday, Oct. 15. Seven of our committee attended which made for quick work. We worked for about 1 - 1 1/2 hours. Sally, the new caretaker, helped by hauling debris with her small tractor and trailer. Made it very nice!

The grounds looked good all summer. Scheduling a work evening the week prior to an event works well. We will meet in February to schedule work dates for 2017 and discuss any projects to be done at the Village.

PORT TRIANGLE GARDEN-Jean Schanen & Heidi Janous

Several members of the project met to do the fall cleanup of the garden. The fast and efficient gardeners accomplished the cleanup job and planted the alliums on the north end of the garden. Enclosing the shrubs with deer proof fencing remains to be done.

TENDICK PARK-Susie Granzow

Lavonne cleaned out the vegetable garden and spread manure for next season

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

Our group will hold fall clean –up of the Grafton Library garden this coming Saturday, the 29th.

WASHINGTON COUNTY COMMUNITY GARDEN-Mary Reilly-Kliss

No report was submitted.

WEBSTER SCHOOL TEACHING GARDEN-Stan Suring & Marion Kanack

We finished harvesting our garden produce. Some of the pumpkins were used to give the entrance to Webster a festive fall appearance. All of the beds were cleared and we created quite a bit of compost for our bins.

At one of the meetings the team harvested seeds from the Webster Prairie under the direction of a naturalist sponsored by Riveredge Nature Center.

These seeds will be germinated and transplanted in the prairie next spring.

We spent time identifying and removing invasive species from the surrounding Webster wooded teaching area while some of the team helped build a ramp for our shed.

One meeting involved using the principles of landscape design under the guidance of OMG member, Lori Haischer. Students gathered materials from the garden and surrounding area to create “small scapes”, within a frame. We ended up with some very clever ideas!

Finally, we took a field trip to Witte’s Vegetable farm on Bridge and Creekside Pumpkin Farm, in Mequon. Both of these businesses were very gracious hosts, family run and supporters of agribusiness communities.

We took a hayride out to the field at Witte’s Vegetable Farm. Students were placed in teams. The students dug 5 bushels of carrots for a food pantry.

We learned about the picking and selection of vegetables for sale, which

vegetables were “keepers”, and which were not. Scott Witte demonstrated how vegetables are washed and sorted. He also told students how they rotate crops in the fields from year to year. The students were given many carrots for their tasting pleasure.

Operations Committee Report - Erin Schanen

Education, Susie Granzow reporting

• New Master Gardener Training classes

- o Stephanie reports that we are getting a lot of interest from people not on the waiting list after posting the registration form on the website and Facebook
- o Marion Kanack sent out a listserv message regarding the Mentor program and will answer questions at this meeting

• Wreath Demonstration Dec 7 (replaces the November meeting) -

- o Our speaker is Michael Beeck from the Wreath Factory in Plymouth
- o FREE and open to the public, held at the Pavilion (Oz Co Fairgrounds) on Wednesday, Dec 7 at 7 pm
- o We would like a few more volunteers for set-up/clean-up and volunteers to bring treats – see Susie Granzow if you are interested or have questions

• **Speakers Bureau** - So far this year, we gave 10 presentations to a total of 201 people, PLUS tonight's presentation

• **Library Displays** for 2017 will be made using the County Fair pictures of Pollinators

• **Speakers** for 2017 meetings are being decided – if you have suggestions, please let anyone in the Education Committee know

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

No report.

Newsletter, Roseann St. Aubin

On the Newsletter front, all is calm and quiet.

Our next issue will circulate in MID-DECEMBER.

Plan now for your submissions.

Email reminders will go to all members in November.

Especially needed:

- your suggestions for holiday GIFTS for gardeners...
- book reviews

- project updates
- a story and/or picture about some aspect of your gardening efforts this past growing season.

Publicity, Jean Schanen

Press release announcing our guest speaker for October was sent to the local media and garden clubs. Fellow MGs wrote articles and book reviews for the Ozaukee Press Fall Home/Garden section. Thank you to Mary Reilly Kliss, Laura Herzog and Jean Schanen for continuing to promote the Ozaukee Master Gardeners.

Website, Rob CharlierAnglim

No report.

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

Maxine reports: There are really no changes to report. We are still answering Yard & Garden questions on-line as we do throughout the year. The questions usually slow down this time of year as we put our gardens to bed. They do pick up around the holidays with questions about holiday plants.

Kathleen reports: The Yard and Garden Line is wrapping up for the season. We would really love to have more MG's join us next spring, Remember, you do not have to know anything immediately. We have computers and reference books to find answers, and then we learn something new as well.

Mentorship Program - Marion Kanack

Marion encouraged us to get involved in the Mentorship Program. She handed our forms for anyone interested in participating.

Old Business – Jerry Nelson

- **Survey results and plant sale discussion**

Jerry shared the survey results. There was a lengthy discussion on ways to solve the problem of finding someone to be in charge of the plant sale. Jane Spaulding remarked that she had very little experience before she took the job. She also said the committees and their strong chairman take up most of the work. Jane advised that in the past there were 2 people running it—Dan and the person in charge. It was suggested that more information about the position including the amount of time required be given out so that those interested can make an informed decision. Jane will make a list of the responsibilities and time involved in doing them. She will share this with members.

Another part of the discussion was about ordering the plants so that there are not so many leftovers. Also discussed was the desire to stay true to the advertised theme of Herbs and Heirloom Plants.

The problem was sent to the Executive Committee for more discussion and possible action.

New Business – Jerry Nelson

- WIMGA update—Wisconsin Master Gardeners Association is struggling to define itself. Jerry described much of what they do. He stated that WIMGA contributes \$5,000 to the Larry Meillor Show on Wisconsin Public Radio on Fridays at 11:00 AM and again on Saturdays at 7:00 AM. He also stated that there were archives of the shows which could be accessed. He stated that this was a good way to pick up education hours if needed. He also listed upcoming conferences associated with WIMGA .
- Open positions—We will need a new President-Elect and a Member at Large.

Adjournment

Future Meeting - January 26, 2017, Our Annual Meeting