

**Ozaukee Master Gardeners  
Minutes of the September General Meeting  
Ozaukee County Administration Center, Port Washington, WI  
7:00 PM, September 22, 2016**

**Program**

Dale Sievert, an expert on Mosses and Moss Gardens, spoke about growing them. He has written a book about how to cultivate it. He has traveled extensively and shared some of his slides about Japanese Moss Gardens, in particular. If you missed his speech, you can learn more about mosses and him at [sievertgardens.blogspot.com](http://sievertgardens.blogspot.com).

**Minutes—Kay Krier**

The minutes from the August 2016 meeting were approved as presented by e-mail.

**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**

Advocates Project has good news! Thanks to the hardworking "Day of Caring" volunteer crew from Rockwell and the OMG team, our entire hillside has had the weeds and other invasive plants removed. No small task, but 11 people working for 6 hours accomplished what we'd hoped to do over the next growing season! Next up-- native grass planting party. We'd love to have you join us. See Kathleen Doenier for details.

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

The All About Herbs Ladies have chosen the lectures for 2017. They are:  
Herbscaping on March 16  
Life of Monarchs Apr4  
Cilantro/ Corriander May 2

**HEIRLOOM PLANT SALE- Jane Spaulding**

There is nothing to report on the Plant Sale.

**KUHEFUSS HOUSE- Susie Granzow**

- We had one workday in September with the main focus on weeding and the rose bed
- The companion plants to the new hydrangeas are doing quite well. I was excited to see that the bleeding heart had 2 tiny pink hearts on it.
- We are having a workday Saturday, Sept 24, 8:30am

**LASATA HORTICULTURAL THERAPY-Judy O'Connell & Diane Strobel**

No report submitted this month.

**OZAUKEE COUNTY FAIR-Cindy Behlen & Jim Layton**

Nothing to report on County Fair, except --- MARY DELUCA has volunteered to take over as co-chair of this event!! However, she would like someone to co-chair this project with her. Please consider accepting this position and working with Mary. Please talk to us to find out more about what is involved.

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

The committee held a maintenance work day last week Wednesday. We weeded and deadheaded. Beds look nice with minimal weeding. Fall clean up should be easy. The clean up date has been moved to October 15 at the request of the caretakers. Everyone is invited to attend. We start at 8:30 a.m.

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

Weekly weeding and deadheading continued. The next project will be to plant the bulbs that are on order and winterize the garden.

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

- The Mexican sunflowers and the pumpkin have given the vegetable garden a nice splash of fall color
- The herb beds look good after weeding, and the ironweed is loaded with magenta flowers
- One of the rain barrels had long, hairy green slime growing in it, and a dead mouse floating on top. I dumped the water and mouse, and left the green slime. To keep critters out and prevent mosquitoes breeding in the future, we have purchased 2 closed rain barrels which will be installed next spring.

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

We will be putting the garden to bed for winter soon at the U.S.S. Liberty Memorial Library in Grafton. In the meantime, there hasn't been much need to water with all of the rain we've been getting!

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

Not much to report at this time; however, the end-of-season report will be done in October for the WCCG.

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

The Webster Green Team began its weekly meetings with 39 students (an unexpected number of interested students) attending and spent the first half on the meeting harvesting veggies and then began the fall clean up of the beds. The last half of the meeting we met in the school kitchen and made kale smoothies for all the team members to sample as well as prepped some of the gathered produce for the members to taste.

Met with fellow OMG member Lori Haischer to discuss the possibilities of adding some flowering annuals and perennials to provide some color to the garden plus provide plants to attract pollinators.

Brainstormed with Green Team members on activities and schedules for the team for the 2016/2017 school year.

## **Operations Committees --Erin Schanen**

### **Education, Susie Granzow**

New Master Gardener New Master Gardener Training classes

- Dates have been set:
  - Introduction to the MG program is January 10, 7 pm and open to public
  - "Hands on" classroom dates are every Tuesday, beginning Feb 7 through May 2, at 6:30pm
- The Registration Form for the new Training is available from the Extension office and also on our website (click tab About Us/How to Become a Master Gardener)
- A Mentor program is being developed to help trainees feel welcome, get more involved, and get answers to their questions. More details will be available by the October meeting.

- Susie also reported that there are over 20 students signed up for the class. They want to limit it to 30 people.
- October meeting - Our speaker will be Pete Hoffman who will take us on his “ Apple Quest” – he has tasted over 400 kinds of apples!

Janet Silverman adds: On behalf of the entire Ozaukee Master Gardener Volunteer organization, the Education Committee would like to express their sincere thanks to Lou Hefle for his many years of leadership of the Education Committee. Lou stepped down from this position in June and the Education Committee is still seeking a new chairperson. We are also seeking new members, so please contact any committee member for more information or if you are interested in joining us. Our meetings are held at 7:00 pm on the first Thursday of the month. The next two Education Committee meetings are Oct 6 and Nov 3 at 7pm, Room 118.

**Hospitality, Carolyn MacLaurin and Nancy Byers**

Thanks to everyone who brought refreshments tonight. A sign-up sheet for future meetings is in the back.

**Membership, Heidi Janous and Jean Schanen**

Heidi reports: Pat Jakse is the Volunteer Hour Czar looking for every member’s volunteer hour form and annual dues.

Please remind everyone we need their MG Volunteer Hours absolutely no later than Oct. 1 (the earlier the better) and the \$20 annual dues as well. Claudia will have more printed hard copy handouts to distribute at the meeting. Online submission is preferred. Even if folks are deciding to drop, they should fill out the form and tell us of their decision.

Another reminder will be sent today to all members via listserve.

Membership is already planning for the Annual Pot Luck in January.

**Newsletter, Roseann St. Aubin**

No report.

**Publicity, Jean Schanen**

Notice of tonight’s meeting was sent out to local newspapers.

**Website, Rob CharlierAnglim**

Rob is the new webmaster, a position he is familiar with as he designed the original OMG website. Rob took over maintenance of the site in August. His email is [2b6sfulrob@gmail.com](mailto:2b6sfulrob@gmail.com) if you need something added to or changed on the website.

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

Maxine reports: We have been answering several online E-mails. They do slow down as the temperatures outside drop. We could still use another member for our online committee to help out in answering the questions when we do have them. It is a great way to learn new things as you look up the answers.

Kathleen reports: The yard and garden people have been answering phones all summer. Some days are busy and some we get no calls at all. Please tell people about us.

### **Old Business**

Open Positions—Jerry made a plea for someone to volunteer to be either the plant sale chairperson, 1 of 2 county fair volunteers, or the education committee chairperson.

### **New Business**

There was a general conversation about the plant sale. Since no one has stepped forward to chair it, the executive committee has been trying to think of ways to solve the problem.

Many suggestions were brought up. In the end, it was decided that a survey will be sent out, via e-mail, about ways to solve the problem. Jerry will be in charge of it.

### **Next meeting**

Our next meeting will be held in January.

### **Adjournment**