

**Ozaukee Master Gardeners
Minutes of the June General Meeting
Ozaukee County Administration Center, Port Washington, WI
7:00 PM, June 22, 2017**

An educational program called "Insects and Other Creepy Crawlies" was presented by Kate Redmond.

Call to order at 8:15 PM -- Jerry Nelson, Past President

Minutes—Jeanne Mueller for Kay Krier

March Minutes were approved as presented. Motion to approve: Jane Spaulding PASSED

April Minutes were approved with following corrections:

- Change DATE to April (from February)
- Change PRESENTER NAME from Dies to Gies

Motion to approve: Stan Suring / Second: Joy Schultz PASSED

Treasurer's Report – Joy Schulz

Motion to approve: Susie Granzow / Second: Kathleen Saiia PASSED

Operations Committees' Report – Erin Shanen

EDUCATION – Suzie Granzow & Janet Silverman

- Still looking for someone to chair this committee
- Level 1 Training is completed and all students passed the final exam. Many are trying out several
- committees to see what best suits their interest and schedule.
- The display on Wisconsin Pollinators is in the Port Washington library through June.
- The registration form for the Diagnosing Plant Disease Workshop will be available by mid-July; please
- watch your listserv emails.
- We have started to schedule speakers for the 2018 monthly meetings.
- A Saturday morning seminar on orchids will be held April 21, 2018. Further details and registration
- form will be coming in January or February.
- Speakers Bureau – Susie will give a talk on Vertical Gardening at the Grafton library, Monday, July 10, 6:30 pm. This is free and open to the public.
- Next committee meeting is Thursday, July 6, 7pm, Room 118

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE: Heidi Janous

The invitation for the Summer Garden Crawl Event should be sent to the membership this week. This year's event is at Christopher Farm and Gardens in Sheboygan on July 27. This is a rare opportunity to see this spectacular private residence and gardens. Since the mission of Christopher Farm and Gardens is philanthropic, the OMGs are covering the \$2 fee per guest, but we will be passing the hat for the MGs to make their own generous donation to this cause. All monies will go to the Fresh Food Pantry of Sheboygan County.

This is one summer event you will not want to miss. Each MG may invite a guest to join us, but everyone must be RSVP'd to ensure proper planning for catering needs. Taking the buses to the venue is encouraged to reduce congestion and logistic issues.

RSVPs must be made no later than July 15 via email to Heidi Janous heidi.Janous@delta.com.

WEBSITE – Rob Charlier-Anglim

The Website is continuing to be updated with events on the calendar everyone should look there first for

interesting events and workdays information at different gardens.

PUBLICITY COMMITTEE: Jean Schanen

A press release was sent to the local media and area garden clubs announcing our speaker for the June meeting.

A photo featuring the check presentation to the winner of the Ozaukee Master Gardener scholarship for high school or college students studying horticulture or a related field was taken by the Ozaukee Press tonight before the meeting. The photo will be in an upcoming issue. The recipient was Kellie Kohlmann.

HOSPITALITY

Thank you to everyone who brought treats tonight. Please consider signing up to bring refreshments to a future meeting.

Project Committee Reports – Cindy Behlen

ADVOCATES OF OZAUKEE – Kathleen Doenier, Chair

We'd like you to consider volunteering with the Advocates of Ozaukee project.

Reason 1- There is so much going on, from a rather formal walkway garden to a prairie planting on a hillside and 6 other distinct garden spaces.

Reason 2- Some of those spaces need more attention than our twice per month visit affords them with our current number of active members.

Reason 3- Skill building with a fun group of people. Among other things, we are currently building a path, renovating an entire bed, and learning to tell desirable grasses from impostors at every stage of growth.

Please contact Kathleen Doenier who can tell you more and explain the confidentiality agreement we sign to help insure the safety of the clients and staff.

ALL ABOUT HERBS – Denise Nelson

No report; project is complete for the season.

HEIRLOOM PLANT SALE – Jerry Nelson

Jerry will be personally delivering his report tonight.

KUHEFUSS HOUSE– Susie Granzow

- 9 people showed up to do spring cleanup at Kuhefuss Saturday, May 13
- The main focus was on weeding and pruning
- Monday, June 12 we had an evening work date – 7 of us did planting and weeding
- We received a large hosta from a member and divided it into 6 good-size plants for the west border

LASATA HORTICULTURAL THERAPY– Diane Strobel

We have all been working hard to get our beds in shape this spring. Cleaning up is mostly complete, and maintenance and watering will soon be routine. We have created two new beds. Last fall Michelle Thur and I renovated the employee entrance bed and one of our new master gardeners, Kitt Pullar, is maintaining it and doing a great job. Also, another new master gardener, Trina Sullivan, has created a memory garden for viewing from the Memory care unit with all plant sale flowers. Pam Farrington will be maintaining our main entrance area.

OZAUKEE COUNTY FAIR – Mary DeLuca

County Fair Booth reservations are complete. Jim is working to obtain parking passes. Booth set up was discussed and plans finalized. The volunteer sign-up sheet is almost complete, and thank you to all who volunteered. Subcommittees and individual committee members will continue to research WI native plants for handouts and graphics for display at the fair. Cindy did a wonderful job promoting the fair booth

at the tea table during our plant sale. Door prizes are confirmed. We still need to promote the fair booth on Facebook and update the web page with pertinent information related to our booth.

PIONEER VILLAGE – Cathy Cabelka

At our June 7th work date, with the help of the caretakers, we cleared out the bed in front of the old restrooms and replanted with natives. Yea!! I don't expect too much from this area this season, as the plants will be busy getting established. However, I do anticipate a nice replacement (anything is better than what was there). Additional plantings went in on the west and south side of the Losse House. Cocoa shell mulch was added to that area, as well as the new plantings by the restrooms. The rose circle looks wonderful, but the climbing roses still seem to be struggling even with a systemic application. The rest of our time was spent weeding and weeding and more weeding.

Thanks to all who helped. A reminder of our July 12th work date will be sent and it is also posted on our web page.

PORT TRIANGLE GARDEN – Jean Schanen

The garden was readied for summer with a nice group of people who came to mulch the garden. A few new plants were added to the garden including a red rose bush (an experimental planting), a new Spilled Wine Wiegela to replace the wiegela that died and two asclepias tuberosa and two variegated solomon seal plants from the plant sale. A member of our group created an electronic calendar for our volunteers to sign up for garden maintenance weeks.

TENDICK PARK – Susie Granzow

Stan made platforms for the 2 rain barrels we purchased last fall, and installed the barrels. We switched to purchased barrels for several reasons:

- to keep animals out (dead mouse and raccoon)
- to prevent algae growth inside the barrels
- to prevent mosquito breeding
- to make it easier to get water for our plants

Lavonne has the vegetable garden planted and looking ship-shape.

We had 2 official work days with 4 helpers one day, and 5 the second day. We did weeding, some planting and transplanting.

Walt also came additional days to finish edging the herb beds so we could reclaim our space from the grass that was taking over

Lavonne volunteered to be a docent for the June 17 Treasures of Oz event, and made a handout explaining the use of the herbs that are planted in the gardens. She has ordered a weather-proof container which will be attached to the fence and have brochures available for future visitors.

TREASURES OF OZAUKEE @ TENDICK PARK – Lavonne

- The event was great. We had 53 visitors at the cabin out of 100 that were at Tendick. Several master gardeners stopped in.
- No rain, kids loved the chickens (*brought in just for this event*),
- Lots of questions on the herbs and flowers, people were interested in the history of the cabin.
- I had about 25 brochures left which I left in our new kiosk.

USS LIBERTY MEMORIAL LIBRARY (Grafton) – Joan Suelflow

No report.

WASHINGTON COUNTY COMMUNITY GARDEN – Mary Reilly-Kliss

The WCCG is in full swing, and gardeners have been harvesting lettuce, chard, onions, and spinach and the first new potatoes should be ready by the 4th of July if not sooner. This is National Pollinator Week,

and our bees are very very happy. We also have a plot where two gardeners who are new to the WCCG have dedicated almost all of their planting space to hardy perennial pollinators such as cone flower, anise hyssop, and monarda.

Please follow our Facebook page which is updated every 7-10 days with photos and garden info. As usual, OMGs are more than welcome to stop in and take a walk through the gardens. We are located one block south of Washington Street (Hwy 33), on the corner of Water and Indiana.

WEBSTER SCHOOL TEACHING GARDEN-Stan Suring

The last meeting of the Green Team for this school year was held on June 1st with the team doing some clean-up of the beds along with weeding and then celebrated the end of the school year with ice cream treats. (Three of the beds were left empty with two of them reserved for planting by attendees of the Summer Garden Sprouts program for preschoolers and one for planting by a scout troop.)

The challenge now is finding volunteers to maintain the garden during the summer school break. As of this point there are three weeks still without a volunteer to maintain the garden beds. They are weeks of July 16th, August 20th, and August 27th. Volunteering for one or more of these weeks is a great opportunity to earn your volunteer hours since you may schedule your visits to the garden at times best suited to your schedule.

Please volunteer a week of your time this summer to help us maintain the Webster Garden. Come in 2-3 times during the week you sign-up. Duties would include:

- Weeding the beds
- Watering twice a week.
- Harvesting any veggies that are ready. You may take them home or donate it to "Family Sharing".

Watch your inbox for an email asking for your support or contact me directly at ssuring@gmail.com

HEIRLOOM PLANT & HERB SALE – Jerry Nelson

Highlights from Power Point:

1. Recommendations (from survey)

- Continue to host Plant Sale
- Stay with theme: Heirloom Plant & Herb Sale
- Reduce quantity of plants ordered
- Majority of new plants (2017) were native (which are heirlooms).

2. Plants Ordered

- 2017: 9,462 (2,424 reduction from 2016 = \$4,782.50)
- 2016: 11,886

3. Expenses (2017 Total: \$31,933.70 which is \$3,634.34 less than 2016 (\$35,568.04))

- MERCHANDISE: \$650.59 which is \$94.15 less than 2016 (\$744.74)
- ADVERTISING: \$1,218.46 which is \$23.61 less than 2016 (\$1,242.07)
- FACILITIES: \$3,205.00 which is \$72.50 more than 2016 (\$3,132.50)
- PLANTS: \$23,748.41 which is \$4,782.50 less than 2016 (\$28,530.91)
- TASTY TREATS: \$85.11 which is \$46.48 more than 2016 (\$38.63)
- MISCELLANEOUS: \$902.91 which is \$41.92 less than 2016 (\$944.83)
- LUNCHES: \$492.70 which is \$42.32 more than 2016 (\$450.38)
- DOOR PRIZES: \$0 which is \$37.98 less than 2016 (\$37.98)

- CONSTANT CONTACT: \$350.00 which is \$96.00 less than 2016 (\$ 446.00)
 - TRANSFIRST (CREDIT CARD FEES): \$1,280.52 (no data from 2016)
4. Revenue from Tables
- Kaleidoscope: 2017: \$2,982.50 2016: \$2,516.00
 - Merchandise: 2017: \$1,297.25 2016: \$1,061.75
 - Tea Donations: 2017: \$110.16 2016: \$64.15
 - Mixed Flats: 2017: \$354.00 2016: \$426.00
 - Bakery: 2017: \$848.45 2016: \$787.45

5. Revenue / Expense

	Revenue	Expense	Profit
2017:	\$43,189.78	\$31,933.70	\$11,256.08
2016:	\$49,736.65	\$35,122.04	\$14,614.61

The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Next General Meeting – August 24th

Garden Crawl—July 27th