

St Charles County Master Gardener

Monthly Meeting Minutes (Final)

Thursday, 27 May 2021

If you have any questions, comments, or corrections before these minutes are approved please contact your MG Secretary Rebekah Davis at rdbirds19@yahoo.com

Call to Order: Joe Walker called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM

Attendance: 51

Speaker: Keith Duncan- Research Scientist, Topp Lab Donald Danforth Plant Science Center
Topic: "Seeing the Unseen: X-ray Imaging in Plant Biology Above and Below the Soil Line"

Secretary's Report: Rebekah Davis- Monthly meeting minutes for 22 April 2021 were approved as written.

Treasurer's Report: Rebecca Poon- The financial report for end of April 2021 was provided. Net monthly change and cash in bank was identified. Revenue and Expense totals with Net Income for 2021 were shown. Funds remaining vs. beginning budget were shown by class in a table form.

MU Horticulturalist: Justin Keay-
No report

Committee Reports-

Education: Jan Carron-
Jan Carron reported on the last Education Committee meeting, Dig-In 2022 is being discussed. After May the Ed committee will meet bimonthly until October. Email Jan if you would be interest in attending meetings.

Digital Media Subcommittee: Zack Blair-
Cindy Platzer gave an update on the QR project: A self-guided garden tour through the Demo gardens is being developed with the use of QR codes, the codes will be going up around the gardens in the next few weeks.

Plant Sale: Marsha Brown and Libby Wilson-
Marsha Brown reported her and Libby Wilson are preparing budgets for next year. URL codes were really helpful during the plant sale this year. Marsha is requesting unwanted clear plastic tubs with lids to replace the cardboard boxes used for storage in the shed.

Greenhouse: Laura Steimel and Nancy Torke-
Laura Steimel needs help with greenhouse cleanup and sanitization of pots and trays. Please make sure to wash plant pots with a 10% bleach solution before returning them to the greenhouse for reuse.

Demo Gardens: Cindy Platzer-
Cindy Platzer announced that Wednesday and Saturday workdays are happening again. Restrooms are open through conference room C, Do Not go into building if another group is using room C. Please contact the Lead of a demo garden when you can pitch in. Watch for announcements in the Monday newsletter.

Cindy mentioned the self-guided garden tour QR codes are going up soon along with some new signage.

Mowers needed: Please contact Kevin Menard to sign-up for a week

Hands on Learning Opportunities:

Pantry garden with Del Moeller, Mondays @ 9:00 AM

Natives with Leslie Limberg, Fridays @ 9.00 AM

Watch for garden projects and group sessions to be announced in the Monday Newsletter.

Communication: Mary Medina-

If you aren't getting a newsletter in your email inbox (or spam folder) every Monday morning, contact Mary M.

Website: Mary Carey-

Contact Mary Carey if you would like to learn to help with the Facebook page or the MG website.

Membership: Waneta Parmenter and Bonnie Winkeler-

Waneta Parmenter announced new Mg trainees have finished phase one and are ready to become interns. Welcome!

Ad-Hoc MG Welcoming Committee: This Ad-hoc committee is finalizing procedures for future transition processes.

Membership Database status – still waiting, please keep track of your volunteer hours and education hours manually at home. It is best to keep your logged hours in order by "project", you can find a link to project categories through the link at the top of our Master Gardener website (stcharlescountymastergardeners.com- Guide for Reporting your volunteer hours).

Continuing Education and Advanced Training (CE & AT): Waneta Parmenter and Bonnie Winkeler-

Bonnie Winkeler mentioned to the group that tonight's meeting presentation is being reviewed to see if it will be counted as Advanced Training hours or Continuing Education. Watch Monday news for updates.

Speakers Bureau: Valerie Mertz-

June 24 speaker Kelly McGowan- The Horticulture Program Coordinator for the Master Gardeners of Springfield Mo will be presenting on their Demonstration Gardens.

Valerie Mertz is working on scheduling a fieldtrip for July.

We will have a fieldtrip to Faust Park in August to tour the Thornhill grounds starting at 5:00-6:30 PM followed by a short business meeting.

Hort Line (HL): Patti Kolek-

Patti Kolek reported the Hortline will have a presence in Ext. Office starting June 7th, current volunteers are being asked to sign up for three (or more) hours shifts. Clients will be asked to make appointments. Walk-in clients will be directed to C room for consultation. Patti Kolek and Joe Walker would like to have a master list of all projects that MGs are volunteering their time to.

Community Outreach Projects-

Saint Charles Farmers market: Patti Kolek-

The MG table was at the opening of the St Charles farmers market on May 22 at Riverside Arts Foundry Parking Lot. It went well. Judy Klemme, Karen Klearman, Carmen Skelly helped. Approx. 35 kids planted sunflower seeds and learned about how sunflowers grow. They were all given the HL and the Master Gardener business card as well as handouts, including information about the upcoming soil class. There was a notable increase of attention for the need to plant natives.

Boys and Girls Club – O'Fallon: Joe Walker-

June 17 – August 5 (except week of July 4) 9:00 AM till 10:00 AM
Volunteers are reviewing class plans. Garden beds are being prepped.

Missouri Master Gardeners Association (MOMGA): Joe Walker-

The Monthly Newsletter came out Mid-May. No word on new database. If you didn't get it, you can go to the MOMGA website (link on our Monday newsletter) to view it.

Old Business:

Val Mertz (vbmertz@msn.com) will provide assistance to MGs who want to try putting together a 3-minute YouTube video on a garden topic for posting on our YouTube channel. See our YouTube channel as an example of Val's videos. Read about it in last Monday's newsletter.

New Business:

None

Good of the Order:

Marsha Brown mentioned to the group that the Plant Sale this year was a major success and wanted to thank everyone who worked on it!

Thank you to this month's facilitators: Zoom Co-hosts Jan Carron and Beka Davis

Meeting was adjourned at 8:31 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Rebekah Davis