

NCMGVA Membership Meeting January 23,2020

Attendees:

Pat Johnson, Don Stanislawski, Carol Taylor, Carla TePaske, Nancy Reis, Terrie Strand, Sue Reinardy, Linda Anderson, Sandy Niewinski, Donna Amidon, Amanda Kupsch, Roseann Meixelsperger
Terri Johnson, Vicki Gee-Treft, Russ Parker, Jill Fries & Lynn Ford

Secretary's Report for October 24th, 2019 was approved by Carol & 2nd by Vicki

Treasurer's Report was read by Pat. Please see attached for report. The 2020 \$5.00 dues for all 50 MGV's have been paid to WIMGA by our association.

Volunteer and Committees: Sandy Niewinski has taken over the responsibility of handling the volunteer and committee opportunities from Vicki. Sandy passed out the list of Committees for 2020 that she previously also emailed everyone. Please let Sandy know if you are able to help out with any event and if you would be willing to be on any committee. Please let Sandy know if you have any questions or comments.

Training: Amanda prepared a proposed rough draft of member and community training opportunities. She talked about us possibly expanding our Meet Me in the Garden series to include Community Education.

Earth Day 50th year celebration at Hunt Hill on 4/22/19: they are requesting 4 volunteers to host 2 stations - one on Composting, and one on growing a home herb garden. Target audience is 3rd - 5th graders from Washburn County Schools, including homeschoolers. The time is from 9:30 am to 2:30 pm. Agenda is opening session on What is Earth Day and why do we care? They will then break out the students to stations 1) Composting 2) herb Gardens 3) Invasives 4) Pollinators & 5) Recycle/reuse. The kids will then break for sack lunches and have an ending with either a musical or dance engagement. They will complete an "exit ticket" to wrap up the event. Carla and Sheila will host an herb station and Roseann will host a composting station with hopefully another MGV. Please let Roseann know if you can volunteer with her at the composting station that day.

Twilight Garden Tour: will be held August 26th.

Placemaking Class: 15 members have signed up for the Placemaking class.

All American Select contest for 2020: Even though we will still plant the AAS beds, a decision was made to not enter the contest, but to still try to follow the 2020 theme of "Make an Entrance". The AAS beds are moving back to the pinwheel this year. Along with the AAS plants, we are able to use non AAS plants and incorporate vegetable plants into the designs as well. If you are interested in helping design, maintain or otherwise assist with any aspect of the garden, please let Sandy know.

Plant Sale, Seed Starting & Greenhouse Update: The Plant Sale is planned for **May 16th** this year. It is usually the Saturday before Memorial Weekend. We will be offering mostly the same plants as last year. Some seeds are currently in cold stratification until they will be planted around the 1st of March. The tomato seeds and pepper seeds will start to be planted around the end of March to the beginning of April. Further information will be forthcoming as to when we will need assistance on these tasks. Further emails will follow to set up a date for the Plant Sale committee to meet. Please let Lynn, Russ or Sandy know if you would like to be on this committee or can commit some time to helping with the plant sale activities.

We will begin the AAS seeds later with a heavy emphasis on vegetables that will mature around the Twilight Garden Tour. We would like to offer a selection of our own vegetables, grown in the garden, to taste at the TGT. Some examples are Minnesota Midget Muskmelon, Kohlrabi and beans.

The order for our growing supplies was sent to Terri Strand's daughter and the list is similar to last year. A lot of our used pots went to Madison and we are planning to buy new ones for this year.

Garden Layout Changes: See attached proposed diagram. We will be moving our AAS beds back to the Pinwheel and there will be the addition of a “Sensory Garden” in the area by the Kid’s Garden this year. Roseann applied for and received a grant that will assist in setting up the planned features in the new Sensory Garden.

Linda Anderson will be starting an Australian Wicking Bed in the garden this year

Summer Intern: There is no news on a summer intern yet.

Handbook Update: please send information on events or dates to Sue R by March 1st.

Bloggers: Current bloggers are Sue R., Carla T., Pam D., & Roseann M. If you would like to submit information for a blog, but aren’t sure how to create one, please contact one of the members listed for help.

Online Reporting System: Everyone must go into the system and register for 2020. Please see previous emails from Sue R. for instructions.

Yearly Stickers: Please see Roseann for a 2020 sticker to add to your name badge if you weren’t at the January meeting. We will display the current year to show that we are certified.

By-Law Changes: We had to make some updates to our by-laws to follow changes to WIMGA’s by-laws. Please see attached proposed changes. We will need to vote on approval for the changes at the February meeting. Still to be added later this year is verbiage about Honorary Master Gardeners. A motion was made by Sue R. and seconded by Nancy to correct our name and adoption date on the by-laws to North Country Master Gardener Volunteers Association approved June 27, 2019. Motion carried.

WIMGA: Donna let us know that the WIMGA conference would be held in West Bend on September 11th & 12, 2020.

Book Club: Don talked about the book club that was started. It was enjoyed by the attending members. They would like to do other meetings in the future possible 1 per quarter. Mike Maddox may come up with a list for the club to read and also receive CE credits. If we register as a Book Club, the library will order in enough copies for the members.

Speakers: Vicki is starting a data base of people’s strengths and speaking topics. Please see previous emails from Vicki and contact her for additional information if you would like to do a speaking presentation.

The next meeting will be February 27, 2020 at 5:30.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:55pm

Submitted by,

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