

**NORTH COUNTRY MASTER GARDENER VOLUNTEERS  
MEETING MINUTES  
26 JULY 2018**

**Members present** included Donna Amidon, Janet Mangold, Vicki Gee-Treft, Sue Reinardy, Russ Parker, Barb Boatman, Terri Johnson, Sheila Squires, Pam Davies, Yvonne Kosh-Prochner, Nancy Reis, Carol Taylor, Katie Childs, Deb Studley, Mark Fox, Cindy Lawson, Terrie Strand, Linda Zillmer, Kevin Schoessow, and Roseann Meixelsperger.

**The meeting was called to order** at 4:10 PM by Donna Amidon. Donna thanked Katie for inviting us into her Burnett County home for our meeting, giving us a tour of her perennial gardens, and serving us dinner.

**Meeting minutes** from June 28th, 2018 were approved.

**Treasurer's Report** for June 2018 was presented by Sheila.

Beginning Balance =	\$3,370.10
Less Expenses to: ABC Construction: John Stensvold	
Thank you	( 50.00)
Rooney Printing – promo Rack Cards	( 87.57)
Pine Brook Farms, John Stensvold Thank You	( 50.00)
Russ Parker-Garden, Plant Sale,	
Children's Program	( 256.51)
Vicki Gee-Treft, Gardens, Banner	( 213.72)
Roseann Meixelsperger, Children's program	(114.96)
Plus: Honey Wagon contribution	175.00
Plant Sale income	108.00
Training Program Donation	32.02
General Donation	<u>100.00</u>
Ending Balance =	\$3,012.36

**Committee Reports:**

**Teaching and Display Garden/AAS/TGT/Meet Me in the Garden:** This coming week, wood mulch to be placed on the walkways from the perennial beds to the vegetable plots and, as needed, within the perennial beds: AAS beds re-edges: signage finished: and plants weeded, deadheaded, trimmed, pruned, etc.

**Twilight Garden Tour Tuesday, August 14, 4:00-7:00**

3:30 volunteers prepared at their assignment

4:00 Garden opens & demos/tastings continue through the evening

4:15-4:30 Introductions & Greetings by Kevin & SARS Superintendent Phil Holman

4:30-6:00 Presenters repeat three 20-minute presentations, with 10 minutes between:

- Mike Maddox, MG program director, horticulture therapy and adaptive gardening.
- Julie Dawson, Seed to Kitchen project, assistant professor, department of horticulture.
- Erin Silva, assistant professor, organic and sustainable cropping systems specialist, department of plant pathology.

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Confirmed displays and demonstrations:

- Invasives by Nicole Butler, Landowner Outreach Assistant, St Croix Red Cedar Cooperative Weed Management Area
- Wine tasting by Lorraine
- Tomato Salsa, Corn Salsa & Watermelon Salsa tasting
- Roasted Vegetables by Nikki Halvorson
- Cut flower demonstration by Cindy Lawson & Carla TePaske
- Spooner Garden Club by president Kim Regner
- Shitake mushrooms by Tavis Lynch
- Honey bees by Dave & Cheryl Messick
- Seed saving by MGV Russ & Intern Kenzie
- Legumes by Intern Mitch
- "Bee amazed" exhibit, Cable Natural History Museum by Mollie Krebs
- Alternative gardening by MGVs of Barron County – Tammy & Bob Schutz
- Girl Scouts (selling gardening-type plaques with proceeds going to GS & NCMGVA)
- Raw vegetable tastings – MGVs Yvonne Kosh-Prochner & Carol Taylor
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Note: There is a Seed to Kitchen event the same day from 2:00-4:00 for farmers, growers and participants, with chefs and foodie-types. During the TGT, their organic soybean plots will be open to participants to view and staffed by Shelbi & Nathaniel.

**Children and Youth Programs:** Roseann gave a status report. Just completed "Down the Wiggly Worm Hole" and "Marvelous Monarchs & Pollinators". We had a record attendance of 13 kids on July 24<sup>th</sup>. Discussed some program issues during this our first year, and some recommendations for future programs. Thanks to all the MGV's who are helping make this program successful, and to all who have donated items needed to run the program.

**Signage:** Russ stated that signs for the MAPS (Monarch and Pollinator Sanctuary) garden have been ordered from Perfect Image and will arrive next week.

**Seed Starting, Saving, and Plant Maintenance:** No report.

**Publicity and Marketing:**

Please send photos to both Lorraine for Facebook and Sue for our website. We need a social media point person. If you are interested, please contact Donna or Kevin. Garden photo opportunities have been identified, and Otto Weigand has agreed to be our photographer—just remind him when and where.

**Communication to Public and Members/handbook/newsletter/website.**

Sue asked that we consider a display on where to store vegetables. Also, a Fall cleanup check list. Lots of blog traffic. 302 unique visitors, with 792-page views. Key is when Lorraine posts to Facebook, our #1 referral.

**MGV Training Update:** Sue sent survey results to Committee. Very encouraging. Growing your own food was a predominant motivation to training. Discussion on interest in future training. MG's are requested to contact Lorraine with interested parties.

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**Old Business:**

**MG Letterhead for thank you's:** Sue has created the Master Gardener logo to be used via WORD on plain bond paper. Discussion on Sue creating notecards for thank you's vs. outsourcing them to a print shop. Sue will research and advise, but she believes it will cost @\$0.50/card for her to do it, vs. @\$1.00/card to outsource.

**Newsletter:** August 1<sup>st</sup> is the deadline for articles. If you submit an article, please copy Donna. Articles to date: Donna on the 3 Sisters, Roseann on Kids in the Garden, and Sue will write a Timesheet reminder.

**AAS hashtag reminder:** Kevin reminded us to use #AAS Winners in the body of your Facebook/Instagram posts. Will automatically link to the AAS site. Remember to Get Social in the Garden.

**New Business:**

**Marilyn Saffert's Gardens near Rice Lake tour:** Monday, 7/30/18 at 6 p.m. Donna passed out directions to Marilyn's gardens.

**Officer nominations/elections in August:** Reminder that we will vote for some new Officer's in August. Officer's whose terms are expiring in September 2018 are President: Donna Amidon, Vice-President: Carol Taylor Secretary: Roseann Meixelsperger Directors: Russ Parker and Tony Webber.

**Annual Achievements:** Sue needs @4 stories and photos per County. Due in early October.

**Timesheets:** Want to reflect our actual time.

**Pot Luck move to September:** With so many people out of town in October, suggestion is to move our pot luck to September 27<sup>th</sup> starting with a short business meeting at 4:00 pm, dinner at 5:00 pm. Discussion to ask about the possibility of having alcoholic beverages at this event. Kevin will research and get back to us on that.

**Volunteer Opportunities:**

Assist in harvesting & distributing Display Garden produce to food shelves, community/senior centers & schools. Ongoing.

Twilight Garden Tour: August 14<sup>th</sup>. See Vicki if you'd like to help.

Geocaching: September 7<sup>th</sup>. See Russ if you'd like to help.

Meet Me in the Garden: September 8<sup>th</sup>. Suggestion to have a buckthorn speaker.

4H Camp at Hunt Hill: August 8<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup>. One hour with three separate groups (total 15-25 kids).

Head Start (Spooner) – Planted last Fall. Will get quack grass out in Fall 2018, date TBD.

Field trip day by K-12 home school students & parents on Friday, September 28. Tour site & activities/demonstrations, such as those in Kids in the Garden, mini-master and middle/high school service learning, SARS conference room will be the backup in case of bad weather.

**Educational Opportunities:**

WIMGA Conference September 21-22: Brochure was distributed to all. Conference will be held in Eau Claire. Vicki, Donna, Katie and Janet are attending.

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Volunteer Vibe: Many educational opportunities available to MGV's. This is a monthly e-letter exclusively for certified and intern MGVs.

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 5:45 PM.

**Next Membership Meeting is August 23<sup>rd</sup> at 4:00 PM at the Research Station. Carol will lead the meeting.**

**Reminder on options for members who can't attend meetings:** WisLine Anytime Service can handle up to 50 phone lines. Members who cannot come to meetings can listen to the meetings live via WisLine (by phone). All you must do is contact Lorraine (715-635-3735) in advance of the meeting and she will give the member the number to call and the code to enter so they can listen in to the meetings.

Respectfully submitted,

Roseann Meixelsperger, Secretary