

7/23/2020 NCMGVA Membership Meeting via Zoom

Attendees: Russ, Roseann, Deb Studley, Sue Reinardy, Jessie Crane, Kevin Schoessow, Lorraine, Jill Fries, Donna Amidon, Janet Mangold, Vicki Gee-Treft, Lynn Ford

Secretary report – Approval of June 25th meeting minutes.

Treasurer report – Monthly report. Barb B. (not in attendance)

MGV Training - Carla T. has completed a video on Cut Flower Arrangements to be aired in mid-July. Linda A. & Pam D. have agreed to provide ZOOM meetings. Roseann has been filming short videos on the Kids garden. Send any recordings to Lorraine and she will edit them and post them. Recordings can be made in several smaller sections and she will edit them together into one post.

Kids in the Garden - Mini-Master Gardener videos on paper seed pots, growing pie pumpkins, and composting and Vermicomposting are on our website. Upcoming videos will be on Bugs, Bees & Pollinators, and Marvelous Monarchs. Roseann has been making videos for the website.

Garden maintenance and Greenhouse update - Volunteers have signed up to water if you are unable to water your adopted plot for any reason. We have discovered a bumble bee nest in the round black compost bin that was filled with grass clippings last fall. Kevin put up a temporary sign on the bin alerting people, but more needs to be done. There is obviously a teachable moment in all this. We could post a Bumble Bee educational poster near it with general information and link and QR code to the UW-Madison Bumble Bees of Wisconsin website <https://wisconsinbumblebees.entomology.wisc.edu/about-bumble-bees/general-info/> Russ P.

Twilight Tour - Virtual this year. Date TBD, either August 25th or 26th in the evening, 5:30 - 7. Sue R will make a page for TGT on the website. All short videos and TGT info will be posted on the website on whatever date is selected. Scheduling production of short videos in the display garden to compliment a ZOOM meeting featuring Solveig Hanson to talk about beets, Jason to talk about Hazelnuts, and Julie Dawson to talk about Seed to Kitchen gardening. Introduction by Kevin, Phil Holman, and Roseann. Kevin mentioned that he will help support the MG's videos with any props that he has. Also, postings could be of pictures of areas of the garden with detailed explanations, diagrams and teaching topics can be inserted.

Website & blogs - Sue R. ~ Kevin & Sue are adding to the history page. Request for Russ to update the SARS layout for the website. Kevin's bumblebee video is on our site.

WIMGA –Children's grant report has been submitted by Roseann on July 14th, with a request to extend our \$332.54 remaining grant funds to 2021 should COVID-19 precautions expire.

Volunteer Opportunities – There will be opportunities to assist in harvesting and distribution of produce. If you have the opportunity, please pick up vegetable boxes behind Economart. There are still weeding and watering tasks to be done. Seed to Kitchen may need some help if they

get behind. Level 3 Placemaking Light could be completed for CE credits. It has been approved for Donna to continue doing work on the garden at Fort Falle Avoine.

Yearly Officer Elections – Officers will be nominated in August, elected in September. Roseann will remain the president since this year wasn't a normal year due to COVID. Lynn Ford will remain the secretary and Barb Boatman will remain the treasurer. We will need to elect general board members and a VP.

Next meeting is August 27th, 2020 at 5:30 pm at SARS or via ZOOM videoconference. You can also get in on the ZOOM meeting via phone if you do not have a computer available.