

# **North Country Master Gardener Volunteers Association**

Meeting Minutes of January 25, 2016

Present: KD Childs, Donna Amidon, Terrie Strand, Sue Reinardy, Tony Webber, Melissa Murley, Russ Parker, Nancy Reis, Chris Weyh, Carol Taylor, Nancy Rainville, Janey Mangold, Ed Jacobsen, Sharon Tarras

## **1. Butterfly/Pollinator; Perennial Garden Renovation**

Sharon Tarras presented a layout and plant list for a renovation focusing on plants that attract butterflies and pollinators. This will be the last year for the dairy sheep operation at the Research Station so it would appear that the Teaching and Display Garden will become more important for the Station.

There was much discussion about partnering with local nurseries. A Partnership Committee was formed: Janet Mangold (Chair), Tony Webber, Russ Parker, Terri Strand, and Sue Reinardy. The Committee will contact nurseries/greenhouses to discuss their interest in partnering with the Teaching & Display Garden by contributing plant material, presentations, or financial contributions. There was also discussion on creating a brochure describing the Garden and also giving recognition to those participating nurseries with the focus on the "pollinator education".

## **2. All American Selection Contest**

Tony Webber agreed to chair the activities involving our participation in the AAS Contest. The theme for this year's contest is "Pollinator Education".

## **3. Mini-Master Gardener**

Chris Weyh and Nancy Reis will chair again this year. Bashaw Valley Farm & Greenhouse is willing to host the session on April 2 (9-Noon). We will have a single session this year. Anyone interested in assisting with the teaching station on April 2 should contact Chris or Nancy.

## **4. Membership Dues**

Dues for Wisconsin Master Gardener Association (\$5) are being paid by NCMGV for all eligible members. Those are MGVs who certified in 2015 by meeting the education and volunteer hour requirements.

## **5. NCMGV Handbook**

Katie Childs and Sue Reinardy are updating the handbook for 2016. The handbook will be sent to certified MGVs plus many parts of the handbook will be on the new NCMGV website.

## **6. Committee Chairs for 2016**

Teaching & Display Garden – Sharon Tarras  
Member Handbook, Website – Sue Reinardy  
NCMGV Bi-annual Newsletter -- Julie Hustvet  
NCMGV Book Loans/Sale – Donna Amidon, Victoria Gee-Treft  
Seed Starter – Russ Parker, Tony Webber  
May Plant Sale – Russ Parker, Tony Webber, Carol Taylor  
Meet Me in the Garden Series – Sue Reinardy  
August Twilight Event – Nancy Reis, (will ask for other co-chairs)  
Education, Schools – Nancy Reis, Chris Weyh

Publicity – Kevin Schoessow, KD Childs  
Partnerships – Janet Mangold  
AAS Contest – Tony Webber

**7. NCMGV Website**

The State program has informed local associations that sometime in the future they will no longer support local association information on their website and we were encouraged to create our own. NCMGV has created a website at: <http://www.northcountrymgv.org/>  
Sue Reinardy can be contacted for any edits, additions, or comments.

**8. Summer Intern and Garden Manager Intern**

There are two intern positions being advertised to work in the Teaching and Display Garden. The target candidates are college students with an interest in plant biology or horticulture. The position announcements are attached.

**9. Hayward Garden Club**

The club will be visiting the Teaching & Display Garden on August 2 (1pm). Carol Taylor and Nancy Rainville are members and will be coordinating the program for them.

**10. Educational Opportunities**

- Ready, Set, Grow Winter Garden Seminar on Saturday, 2/6/16 at the Chippewa Valley Technical College in Eau Claire. The UW-Extension Eau Claire Area Master Gardeners are hosting.
- New Venture Garden Seminar, March 19 from 9am to 3pm. Northwood School, Minong
- Create a Butterfly Garden, March 31, Bill Leibler, Rollingwood Nursery, Stone Lake – Contact WITC to register.

**Next NCMGV Meeting:**

Thursday, February 25 at 1:00 pm at the Spooner Agriculture Research Station

Submitted by,

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