

**NORTH COUNTRY MASTER GARDENER VOLUNTEERS
SEED STARTING AND PLANT SALE
MINUTES 20 JAN 2022**

The meeting was called to order by Vice-President Jill Fries a 5:30 pm CST via Zoom.

Present on the call were: Jessie Crane, Roseann Meixelsperger, Jill Washkuhn, Jill Fries, Vicki-Gee Treft, Deb Studley and Kevin Schoessow.

Roseann started the meeting with a recap of the best-selling plants from the 2019 sale. It was decided to offer six varieties of tomatoes, best-selling peppers and the pollinator six packs. Roseann has developed an order form and will have it available for review by next week's meeting.

Jill is in the process of applying for permission from the city of Spooner to use the parking space north of the Canoe Museum for a drive-through plant sale. She will be attending the upcoming City Council meeting.

The plant sale date was set for May 21, 2022. Jill will provide more information at the upcoming NCMGV meeting on Thursday, January 27, 2022. This will include estimates of people needed to work, tables, tents, boxes, process of moving plants from greenhouse, etc.

After discussion, it was decided to rent a P.O. box for \$35.00 for six months instead of having checks sent to our Treasurer's home address. All orders must be paid in advance. There will be no maximums on orders.

Volunteers for seed starting are: Roseann, Vince Cosmano, Jill Washkuhn, John Bergson and Jill Fries. Roseann will contact Cindy Lawson to see if she is available to help out.

Kevin asked how much bench space the plant sale plants would need. The station may be required to start AAS plants locally this year instead of having them started at the Arlington Horticulture location in Madison. This would include 11 varieties of tomatoes and peppers, fennel, eggplant, okra, marigolds, zinnias and seven varieties of flowers that are hard to start.

Roseann will inquire about renting bench space from the green house on the south end of Spooner. The Country View Greenhouse in Barron was also suggested.

Roseann estimated seed costs to be \$150.00. A motion was made by Jill Fries and approved by the group to go ahead with purchasing seeds. Jill Washkuhn reported the checking account balance is \$1,093.

Kevin suggested adding an agenda item for the next meeting regarding establishing a committee to address the needs of the Teaching & Display Garden for 2022 – improvements/replacements, etc.

The next NCMGV meeting will be held Thursday, January 27, 2022, via Zoom at 5:30 pm CST.

Respectfully submitted,

Deb Studley
Secretary