May 2016 Newsletter
May 16, 7 pm – Program: Proper Tree Planting
Hospitality: Marty Colony-Smith, Kristi Evans
NOTE: Please wear your nametags to the meetings.

The President’s Row

What a great weekend! What a great plant sale. The weather was good, not perfect, but not terrible. You brought lots of nicely potted plants to sell with descriptive labels. Most impressive of all was the volunteers that made everything run relatively smooth. From Thursday afternoon when the plants came rolling in until clean up on Sunday afternoon we always had someone willing to jump in and do what needed to be done. There were volunteers running the cash registers, operating the holding tables, watering, restocking, assisting customers and preparing snacks.

It would be interesting to know how many hours were dedicated to the plant sale. Besides those hours during the plant sale there are all the hours spent digging, dividing and potting plants. There is the time spent in plant sale committee meetings.

We should get a preliminary report on the financial end of the sale at our meeting. Early indications are positive.

I want to thank all of you for the time and effort you put into making the plant sale a success. Hope to see you Monday night.

Tom Jordan
2016 SCMGA President

SCMGA Meeting – April 18, 2016

We were introduced to the many great offerings of the Brenton Arboretum by Andy Schmitz. Now we all have to visit as soon as possible. Another presentation introduced us all to this summer’s project of gardening for Food at First. If you are looking for a volunteer opportunity this summer please contact Laura Irish at leirish@iastate.edu. (1 hour CE credit)

General Meeting

Minutes were approved as published. However, Lisa Harmison reported that the February minutes attributed some quotes to Candy Bostrum and should have been attributed to Lisa.

Treasurer Brenda Kruse reported that the treasury balance was $7047.44 not counting the dues she collected tonight nor the $500 donated to the Arboretum, postage costs, and Casey’s cards. She also presented a thank-you letter from the Arboretum. The board members have reviewed the books and returned the papers to Brenda.
Dee Draper reported that she has not been able to contact Dennis Severson’s family about the Hostas on his property. Corinne Breitsprecker said that she will get in touch with them.

Tom Jordan reported on the successful MG graduation yesterday. Bronwyn was named the volunteer of the year for 2015. Bronwyn thanked the members for the recognition. Tom reminded everyone that to nominate someone as next year’s volunteer of the year you simply have to send a note to Allison about that person. Brenda noted that Story County boasts an average of 52 hours/volunteer.

Lisa Harmison brought some garlic cloves to share with the members present. She also asked if a member dropped off some Forsythia cuttings at her house recently. They are growing and she’d like to thank that person.

Tom Jordan pointed out that the Arboretum’s garden social and plant sale is the weekend after our sale.

Jamie Beyer reported that the Water Garden tour is coming along nicely. He said that there are some really good ponds on the tour but they are looking for 2 more. He introduced Anita Campbell. Anita sent around a sign-up sheet to volunteering for the WG tour. It is the 3rd Sat in July. They need at least 20 volunteers minimum, but 40 would be better. Home owners must be present. She sent around the program from 2015 as an example. She said that the WG tour is a lot of fun. They also gave out posters to post in the area.

**Plant Sale:**

1. Bronwyn Frame passed around the volunteer sign-up sheets one more time mentioning that we could use more people for Saturday and Sunday. She also sent around the plant sign-up sheet. More flats are needed. She also mentioned that if anyone needs help digging and potting they should contact Diana Adkins as soon as possible. She will be passing out pots after the meeting. We also need more carts for the sale.

2. Michelle Boswell handed out posters for advertising the sale. She also discussed labeling of the plants. The simplest way to protect the labels is to use a baggy placed upside down over the label. She also pointed out that we now have a Facebook page. It is a public site. The labels are there as is the poster for anyone to download.

3. Ann Wilbur requested that volunteers please be at Reiman Gardens for the pre-sale set-up by 3 pm Thursday. If you have a large load please let Ann know ahead of time so she can make arrangements for it.

Linda Tucker asked if we still wanted to donate books to the Gilbert Library since it is under the auspices of Story City library? Members agreed that we should do so.

Ann Wilbur brought cut tulips to use as centerpieces for the meeting. She asked that people please take them home after the meeting.

Respectfully submitted
Andrea Dorn
SCMGA Secretary

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**Announcements**

SCMGA Dues are due. Please send $10 to Brenda Kruse, P.O. Box 164, Ames, IA 50010 or bring to the next meeting
Publicity
(Please let me know if you or any other SCMGA’ers are mentioned in the media so we can inform the rest of the association. It’s always good to know when the public learns about the great work our members do - Andrea)

Opportunities for Service and Education

Service
шей  Volunteer to give a presentation at the SCMGA meetings
шей  Help out at Evergreen Lane in Nevada. This is a Victorian garden maintained by MG volunteers and other groups. Contact Andrea Dorn at adorn@iowatelecom.net to find out more.

Education

SCMGA 2015 Program Calendar
шей  May 16th – Program: Proper Tree Planting
 shemale  June 20th – Program: Garden tour, Ada Hayden Heritage Park
 shemale  June 25th – Flower Show: Iowa Regional Lily Society Show at Reiman Gardens
 shemale  July 16th - Program: Garden Tour – Central Iowa Water Garden Association Water Garden Tour
 shemale  August 15th – Program: Jim Kessler, Green Yard Make-over

If you have any announcements you would like included in the SCMGA Newsletter, please email the announcements to SCMGA_Newsletter@hotmail.com at least 3 weeks prior to the monthly meeting date.

Sincerely,
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