

Master Gardener Steering Committee Meeting Minutes

3.11.2020	07:00PM	Master Gardener Steering Committee Meeting Location: Johnson Co. Extension Office
Attendees	<p>Present: Darlene Clausen, Joan Dinnel, Jean Holzhammer, Sharon Jeter, Emil Rinderspacher, Linda Schreiber, Chris Sedrel.</p> <p>Not Present: Barb Krug, Jackie Wellborn, Beth Fisher, Doug Geraets, Carolyn Murphy, Mike Murphy, Alice Linhart, Ann Tvedte, Esther Retish, Nicole Pearson, , Betty Kelly, Joanne Leach, Lavon Yeggy, Cindy Parsons, Michael Hesseltine, Barb Schintler, Vickie Siefers.</p> <p>Others Present: (7/23 Quorum-No)</p>	
Secretary's Report:		
<p>Minutes from last meeting approval. Approved with corrections: Robert A. Lee (EarthFest). Kirkwood Scholarships were all paid from the General Fund.</p> <p style="color: red;">Note: The Feb. 28 meeting, Linda Schreiber requested \$325 to replace plantings on Melrose Avenue in the Dottie Ray Gardens for Downtown City Gardens. The request was in addition to \$200 for a total of \$525. This correction was not made at the March meeting.</p>		
Treasurer's Report:		
<p>Report: Jean Holzhammer– Plum Grove: \$1,953.09 Balance General: \$13,257.02 Balance Butterfly Garden: \$2,397.87 Balance Reimbursement Requests:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Carolyn Murphy \$143.56 – Plum Grove three gardens 		
Old Business		
Discussion	Fair Awards Sponsorship & Fairbook Sections (revisit)	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The 2020 budget request for Buckets of Flowers was increased \$40, from \$315 to \$355 for honorable mention awards in each of the three categories. 		

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Discussion	Upcoming events
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Education Day - Sunday, March 15, Seed Share from 12:30 to 1 p.m. (speakers run from 1 – 4 p.m.) • JCMG Annual Meeting & Potluck - Sunday, March 22, 4-4:30 set up, 4:30-5pm social hour & seed share. Dinner will be served at 5 p.m. and the annual meeting follows. • 2020 Seed Share, Sunday, March 29, Open to the public 2 – 3:30 p.m. at JC Extension Office (1,600+ seed packet currently received) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 1:15 - 1:30 p.m. - Starting Seeds for Transplant, Jeff Koepf ○ 1:30 - 1:45 p.m. - Saving Seeds, Jackie Wellborn and Linda Schreiber. ○ Participants who attend the mini-education sessions will be able to select seeds before the activity opens to the public at 2 p.m. <p style="color: red; margin-top: 10px;">Consensus to hold the above three activities unless ISU Extension provides new information or directives about activities and projects related to the coronavirus.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plant Sale Flea Market May 9, 8:30-Noon <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Pricing Meeting March 5, 7pm ○ Coordinators Meeting March 12 ○ Staffing Needs by March 1 • Prairie Preview March 3 • Plum Grove Seed planning meeting Feb. 27 @ 6pm • Plum Grove Clean Up April 18, 9-Noon • Plum Grove Taste of the Heritage Garden Event July 8 • Plum Grove Tomato Taste Event August 30 • Raptor Center Clean Up April 11, 9am-Noon • Raptor Center Planting Date (Tentative) May 16, 9am-Noon
New Business	
Discussion	Additional Project Meetings and Clean up dates
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Demo Garden – no date set yet.
Discussion	Plant Sale Digs
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sharon Jeter has numerous Solomon’s Seal to dig.
Discussion	Plant Sale Update
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pricing group to meeting Thursday. • Policy for MG to purchase plants has not been finalized.
Discussion	Additional Topics
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sharon Jeter will check to see if additional supplies are needed for the potluck and will let Beth Fisher know. • Vicki Siefers notified Oaknoll Residence volunteers to cancel the spring meeting presentation by Marilou Gay. Oaknoll Residence has been temporarily suspended as a precaution to keep its residents safe and health with consideration to the current situation, age, and health status of most of the residents. • The University of Iowa’s notification that campus activities will be suspended from March 14 to April 6 over concerns about the coronavirus was discussed. JCMG activities will continue – for now – unless information from ISU Extension provides new information and directives.

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Discussion	Additional Notes:
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chris Sedrel invited those present to assist Theresa Carbrey, event coordinator, Backyard Abundance, to help at Creekside Park on April 4 with an orchard planting and April 18 with a butterfly garden. Contact Theresa at 319-471-0042 or tcarbrey@gmail.com. Linda Schreiber will write something for the April <i>Thymes</i>. Liz Ernst will offer nature-based classes for kids. Sharon Jeter will contact her regarding details.

Discussion	Date for Next Meeting: April 8, 2020
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Discussion	Thymes Deadline: March 27, 2020
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Committee Reports

Attended Displays: **Recruiting new primary leadership.** – Chris Sedrel

- Backyard Abundance Edible Plant Sale Fundraiser** April 25, 9:00 am – 11:30 am Robert A. Lee Community Center
- Earth Fest** April 25, 3-6pm @ Robert A Lee. (making seed balls)

Butterfly House at Fairgrounds: Carolyn Murphy, Mike Murphy – No Additional Report.

Coralville Historical School House: Cindy Parsons, **Recruiting new co-leadership.** - No Additional Report.

Ecumenical Towers: Michael Hesseltine, **Recruiting new co-leadership.** - No Additional Report.

Demo Garden: Sharon Jeter - No Additional Report.

Downtown City Gardens: Linda Schreiber- No Additional Report.

Fairgrounds Beautification:

- Rain Garden* - Lavon Yeggy - No Additional Report.
- Fair Grounds Flower Beds* - Joan Dinnel, Barb Krug- No Additional Report.

Firefighters’ Memorial: Barb Schintler- No Additional Report.

Fundraising/Flea Market: Emil Rinderspacher, Darlene Clausen-

- Plant Sale Flea Market** May 9, 8:30-Noon

Hortline: - Esther Retish, Pat Kealey– No Additional Report.

Hospice Garden /Willow Creek Park: Melanie Hauptert- No Additional Report.

Steering Committee Chairs: Sharon Jeter, Doug Geraets- No Additional Report.

JCMG Educational Training: Linda Schreiber, Jackie Wellborn - No Additional Report.

Memorial Garden: Lavon Yeggy- No Additional Report.

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Johnson County Fair / 4 - H Buckets of Flowers, Scarecrow: Lavon Yeggy & Vicki Seifer- No Additional Report.

Oaknoll Garden Project: Vicki Siefers, Deb Cassell - No Additional Report.

Plum Grove: Lavon Yeggy, Carolyn Murphy, Darlene Clausen, Betty Kelly, Joanne Leach-

- **Plum Grove Seed planning meeting** Feb. 27 @ 6pm
- **Plum Grove Clean Up** April 18, 9-Noon
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Raptor Center Gardens: - Alice Linhart, Ann Tvedte – No Additional Report.

Speakers Bureau: Jackie Wellborn- No Additional Report.

Social Events: –Beth Fisher, Lavon Yeggy- No Additional Report.

Thymes: Doug Geraets, Melissa Serenda- No Additional Report.

Treasurer: Jean Holzhammer- No Additional Report.

Volunteer Hours/Secretary/Fall Training Course: Shannon Bielicke- No Additional Report.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Submitted by Linda Schreiber