

Master Gardener Steering Committee Meeting Minutes

3.10.2021	07:00PM	Master Gardener Steering Committee Meeting Location: Johnson Co. Extension -Zoom Virtual meeting
Attendees	<p>(10/22 Quorum-No) Present: Doug Geraets, Darlene Clausen, Jackie Wellborn, Beth Fisher, Linda Schreiber, Chris Sedrel, Emil Rinderspacher, Esther Retish, Ann Tvedte, Vickie Siefers, Carolyn Murphy, Mike Murphy, Jean Holzhammer, Alice Linhart, Melissa Serenda</p> <p>Not Present: Sharon Jeter, Cindy Parsons, Barb Schintler, Melanie Hauptert, Michael Hesseltine, Lavon Yeggy, Ann Ruppenkamp</p> <p>Others Present: Shannon Bielicke, Laurie Canady Others Not Present: Betty Kelly, Joanne Leach, Marilou Gay</p>	
Secretary's Report:		
Minutes from last meeting approval. Approved Unanimously		
Treasurer's Report:		
Report: Jean Holzhammer– Plum Grove: \$1,577.31 Balance General: \$11,042.51 Balance Butterfly Garden: \$2,397.87 Balance Reimbursement Requests: Linda Schreiber will work on submitting \$60 for Seed Share Postage		
Business		
Discussion	Approval of Bylaws & Budget Requests	
Bylaws and Budget voted on for final approval. Added Doug Parsons to Coralville School House as a Co-Chair, Budget adjustments Plum Grove Gardens \$600 & Raptor Center \$150. Approved Unanimously		
Discussion	JCMG 202 Project Reports	
Project Reports that have been received were shared with the Steering Committee and will be posted to the Members webpage as time allows. Demo Garden Report is being worked on.		
Discussion	Kirkwood Scholarship	
2021-2022: \$2,000, Intentions to Kirkwood by April 1. Two \$1,000 scholarship awards using the criteria below. Johnson County Master Gardeners Scholarship <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Must be a second-year student in Golf Course/Athletic Turfgrass Management, Landscape Construction and Design, or Parks and Natural Resources. •Must have a minimum 2.5 grade point average. •Must demonstrate commitment to the program through class attendance, attitude and class work. •Must be an Iowa resident. •Preference to students who live in Johnson County. Approved Unanimously		

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Discussion

2021 Johnson County Fair & JCMG Fair participation

2021 Johnson County Fair- July 25-28, Planning for a traditional fair with Covid-19 precautions.

JCMG Projects:

Butterfly House/Demo Garden/Attended Displays: Carolyn will talk with Lucy Hershberger about the Butterfly House leaning towards small butterfly display cages instead of filtering folks through the hoop house to allow for social distancing. Butterfly House, Demo Garden, and Attended Displays will work together to have a coordinated display to create social distancing with strategic barriers like table set up to have designated JCMG space vs. public space, and adjust shift times to allow for flexibility so that JCMGs don't have to fill as many time slots if some are not feeling comfortable to participate. Beth Fisher volunteered to work with this group on planning.

BUCKET OF FLOWERS – Will take place in 2021 contingent on any Covid restrictions.

Project Leader: Johnson County Master Gardeners

Check-In: Sunday, July 25, 2021 • By 10:00am • Master Gardener Demonstration Garden

Release: Wednesday, July 28, 2021 • 7:00pm • Master Gardener Demonstration Garden

GENERAL RULES

1. 4-H & FFA Members are eligible to participate and will be considered for cash awards. Master Gardeners are welcome to participate however will not be considered for cash awards.
2. Participants should plant flowers/ornamental plants in a 5-gallon bucket in any theme or colors of your liking.
3. Club & Exhibitor's name and the name of the plants used should be provided and attached to the bucket for display.
4. *Recommended:* The container should have drain holes. Styrofoam peanuts or plastic jugs can be placed in the bottom of the bucket to decrease weight.
5. Buckets are to be delivered to the Master Gardener Demonstration Garden by 10am on Sunday of the fair and picked up at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday.
6. All participants will receive a ribbon. Purple for top in category, green for honorable mention, blue for participation, & red if any requirements are not completed.
7. Cash Awards will be provided in the following areas: Most Creative, Best Use of Plants, Most Colorful, and Honorable Mention (one in each category)

SCARECROW CONTEST– Will NOTE take place in 2021 but will resume in 2022.

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2. Scarecrows must be freestanding, not over 6 feet tall or less than 3 feet tall. They must be hand-made and be constructed of materials that withstand weather.
3. Club & Exhibitor's name and Scarecrow name should be provided and attached to the Scarecrow.
4. All participants will receive a ribbon. Purple for top in category, green for honorable mention, blue for participation, & red if any requirements are not completed.
5. Scarecrows must be set up in the Master Gardener Demonstration Garden area by 10am on Sunday and picked up at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday.
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Fair AWARDS REVIEW = \$355 Total

- ✓ Junior MG Outstanding Garden Award (\$50.00)
- ✓ Intermediate MG Outstanding Garden Award (\$50.00)
- ✓ Senior MG Outstanding Garden Award (\$50.00)

- ✓ Bucket of Flowers-Most Creative (\$25.00)
- ✓ Bucket of Flowers-Best plants (\$25.00)
- ✓ Bucket of Flowers-Most Colorful (\$25.00)
- ✓ Bucket of Flowers-Most Creative Honorable Mention (\$20.00)
- ✓ Bucket of Flowers-Best plants Honorable Mention (\$20.00)
- ✓ Bucket of Flowers-Most Colorful Honorable Mention (\$20.00)

- Scarecrow Award-Most Creative (\$25.00)
- Scarecrow Award-Most Colorful/Use of Materials (\$25.00)
- Honorable Mention Scarecrow Award (\$20.00)

Scarecrow Contest is being postponed until 2022 so awards are not needed. \$355-\$70=**\$285**
 Approved Unanimously

Discussion	SignUp Genius Project SignUp lists
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Project SignUps have been emailed to the Project leaders. Please communicate with your list of people to welcome them and tell them what is coming up.

Discussion	2021 Fall MG training, Statewide on Canvas
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www.extension.iastate.edu/mastergardener/become-master-gardener
 Application Open: March 1, 2021
 Application Deadline: July 1, 2021
 Participants are notified of acceptance to MG Training in early August, payment due at that time.
 Online Asynchronous Course: August 30-November 5, 2021

Please pass on to those interested. Since this course is facilitated through ISU we will work towards finding additional Educational opportunities at the county level for current and new JCMGs special efforts will need to be made to make a connection with the newest members taking this class so that they can incorporate and feel connected to the county.

Discussion	JCMG Membership letters & Roster
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Membership letters have been mailed out and due by April 16, 2021. Once they are returned Shannon will be able to update the roster to be sent out.

Discussion	2020 JCMG Recognitions
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2019 MG Interns that completed their 40 hours in 2020: Helene Donta, Constance Goeb, Mary Mockaitis, Laurie Roehl, Ann Ruppenkamp, Joel Wells
500 Hours: Esther Retish, Barbara Robinson, Angela Murphy, Priscilla White
1000 Hours: Jeff Koepf, Jackie Wellborn, Emil Rinderspacher
2000 Hours: Jeffrey Smith
3000 Hours: None
15 Years 2006: Katy Carlson, Margaret Hibbs, Carolyn Murphy
20 Years (Trowels) 2001: Beth Fisher, Ramona McGurk
25 Years (Watering Can) 1996: Marilyn Kempnich
30 Years (Paper Weight) 1991: None
Lifetime (10 years 2010 + 1500 volunteer hours): Jeffrey Smith 2002

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Discussion	JCMG Blog
<p>Melissa Serenda would like to look into starting a JCMG Blog to have another publication outlet for the articles produced for the Thymes newsletter. Shannon would like to have access to monitor from the Johnson County Extension prospective though JCMGs do a good job of following best practices. It was suggested to be careful to not create another spot for incoming questions that might become overwhelming to keep up on. Direct questions to the JCMG hotline and use the Blog for outgoing information only was a thought. Linda suggested a JCMG webpage for public information to separate out from the JCMG Member Only page that is JCMG information specific. Shannon will work on creating this.</p>	
Discussion	JCMG Project Brochure & Fairweather Lodge
<p>Laurie Canady would like to work on updating the JCMG Project Brochure. Please email her any updates and new pictures. If you would like her to come and take new pictures, she is willing feel free to contact her. Fairweather Lodge was on hold for the year due to Covid but it was a fun project and will let folks know if/when it starts again and if help is needed.</p>	
Discussion	Additional Notes:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • JCMG Reunion -Thank you for those that participated (26 people) • Plant Sale from Emil Rinderspacher, Chair, Plant Sale & Flea, Market Committee: There won't be a Plant Sale & Flea Market this spring... it's just not safe. The Plant Sale planning committee will meet virtually to begin planning for a Fall 2021 and/or Spring 2022. Credit Card capability will hopefully be available by then. • Seed Share – Is in the works and going well. • Educational Sundays~75 participants per speaker. Deb Walser will be the March speaker. 	
Discussion	Date for Next Meeting: April 14, 2021
Discussion	Thymes Deadline: March 26, 2021

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Committee Reports

Attended Displays: Chris Sedrel, Jackie Wellborn- No additional report.

Butterfly House at Fairgrounds: Carolyn Murphy, Mike Murphy – No additional report.

Coralville Historical School House: Cindy Parsons, Doug Parsons – No additional report.

Demo Garden: Sharon Jeter, Anne Ruppenkamp, Chris Sedrel – No additional report.

Downtown City Gardens: Linda Schreiber- No additional report.

Ecumenical Towers: Michael Hesseltine, **Recruiting new co-leadership.** – No additional report.

Fairgrounds Beautification:

- *Rain Garden* - Lavon Yeggy – No additional report.
- *Fair Grounds Flower Beds* – **Recruiting new co-leadership.** - No additional report.

Firefighters' Memorial: Barb Schintler- No additional report.

Fundraising/Flea Market: Emil Rinderspacher, Darlene Clausen- No additional report.

Hortline: - Esther Retish– 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, Doug Geraets - No additional report.

Memorial Garden: Lavon Yeggy, Doug Geraets- No additional report.

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- Waiting on events. Suggested an Open House Garden walk as an alternative event with a donation box.

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Raptor Center Gardens: - Ann Tvedte, Alice Linhart– The new plan for the gardens with regulations on plants native to the acreage is a long-term plan and might be challenging. A clean up day and plant removal day will be scheduled, and help recruited. There will be construction to widen paths. If project leaders want plants and can help with the clean up day let Ann know. Clean up and plant dig out will be on May 8th.

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.

Submitted by Shannon Bielicke, meeting was from about 7-8:30pm.