

JCMG Steering Committee Meeting Agenda
Tuesday, June 20, 2023, 6:30 P.M.

1. Call to order
2. Approval of May 10 Meeting Minutes
3. Treasurer's Report (Jean)
 - General Fund: **\$39,159.80**
 - Income: \$390.00 from Mary Lou Gay memorial gifts
 - Income: \$15,595.05 from Plant Sale
 - Expenses: \$225.30
 - Plum Grove: **\$1,395.73** (no change from last month)
 - Butterfly House: **\$4,907.92**
 - Income: \$1,558.50 from Plant Sale and \$100 donation
 - New or Known Pending Receipts: (as of June 19)
 - Alice Linhart, \$36.45, MG General, Speakers Bureau, supplies for seed starting class
 - Laurie Roehl, \$46.98, MG General, Fairgrounds Flower Beds, Plants
 - Laurie Roehl, \$77.27, MG General, Fairgrounds Flower Beds, Plants
 - Laurie Roehl, \$110.10, includes: MG General, Plant Sale supplies (\$90.24) + MG General, Demo Garden, Plants (\$19.86)
 - Laurie Roehl, \$22.86, MG General, Fairgrounds Flower Beds, Seeds
 - Carolyn Murphy, \$23.80, MG Butterfly House, Butterfly House, supplies
 - Carolyn Murphy, \$172.22, MG Butterfly House, Butterfly House, seeds & hoses
 - Jean Holzhammer, \$59.28, MG General, Plant Sale supplies
4. Extension Report/Announcements (Shannon)
 - Carolyn's Taste of Heritage Garden notes especially the fund requests for the band and ice cream.
 - Finances: Reimbursements, Plant Sale, Marilou Gay Memorial donations. (I will pull a report on Monday and sort these out for what has hit the books.)
 - Updated Bylaws share for final review.
 - Fair Volunteer Sign-Up Genius
 - Growing Together Grant Update
 - Fairgrounds Manager Update
 - Fall training Scholarships State & County

- Signs for Demo Garden
 - Mulch Session @ Fairgrounds & Demo Garden
 - Weeding Session @ Extension office
5. Review of JCMG Steering Committee Meeting Calendar (Doug)
- July – no steering committee meeting
 - Johnson County 4-H & FFA Fair July 23 – 26; Butterfly House Training, July 22
 - July 12 Taste of Heritage Gardens, Plum Grove
 - Prep for Fall Harvest Meeting & Potluck (September or October)
 - August
 - Tomato Taste
 - September
 - Plan fundraising for upcoming year
 - Finalize dates for MG activities in the coming year, create JCMG event bookmark
 - Fall Harvest Social & Potluck (September or October)
6. New Business
- Seed Share 2023
 - A generous donation of seed packets revived Seed Share 2023 with a partnership with Lowe's. Distribution of seed packets to area food pantries to benefit food-insecure persons and Johnson County community seed libraries started via a partnership with Table to Table. In July, a T2T/Americore program with neighborhood centers will offer neighbors seeds for fall gardening opportunities.
 - JCMG CE 2024
 - Invitations to speak at the JCMG Continuing Education program on March 3, 2024, (alternate date: March 24) were sent on June 5. A Cedar Rapids-based landscape architect was the first to respond affirmatively. Additional invitations were sent for Project GREEN Winter Garden Forums held on the second Sunday in January, February and March.
7. Old Business
- Plant Sale & Flea Market financial summary
8. Administrative Reports

9. Adjourn

- Date of Next Meeting: **Wednesday, August 9**
- Thymes Newsletter Deadline: **Wednesday, June 28**

Project Reports

(submitted in advance of meeting)

- **Yard & Garden Information** – no report
- **Butterfly House** – The educational Pollinator Garden sign has been installed (thank you John W and Mike M). We will be planting native flowers and milkweed in the front garden areas of the hoop house in the next few weeks. (donated by Forever Green). I have asked Chris if the Demo Garden group will help with the watering if the drought continues.
- **Coralville Historical Schoolhouse** – We have continued to water the new plantings we received from the plant sale and other donated plantings and annuals we are growing from seeds. Most will survive the heat from the last few weeks. The weeding and mulching work for the gardens is nearly complete. The gardens look beautiful thanks to Bonnie, Gail, Sarah, and Janlyn for their hard work. We will continue with maintenance now, especially trying to stay on top of the thistle problem. We have had every Friday morning work days scheduled; we may be able to cut this down to every-other-week soon. The next scheduled workday: Friday, June 17, 9–11 A.M.
- **Ecumenical Towers** – no report
- **Demo Gardens** – no report
- **Downtown City Projects** – June: Volunteers continue to care for the west and south gardens of the Capitol Street Parking Garage by weeding and deadheading the peony garden. Sections of the area are turning into a beautiful native plant prairie. The Larkspur is in full bloom and cannas are up. The Melrose peonies and iris were beautiful. Visitors were seen photographing the gardens. The Secret Garden has been weeded, deadheaded and annual seeds planted. Our volunteers took a break from gardening to tour JCMG-approved garden projects.
- **Fairgrounds Beautification (includes Raingarden)** – no report
- **Firefighters Memorial** – no report
- **Plant Sale & Flea Market** – no report
- **Hortline** – no report
- **Hospice Garden at Willow Creek** –
- **JC Fair/4-H Buckets of Flowers & Scarecrow** – no report
- **Oaknoll Garden Project** – no report
- **Plum Grove** – no report
- **Speakers Bureau** – no report
- **Thymes Newsletter** – Keep the great project updates from coordinators coming! Include photos (they really help showcase all the work being done, and the volunteers as well)! The *JCMG-Thymes* blog had an active month in May, with 489 views by 151 visitors—*the most ever since its launch*. We can use more articles about topics of interest to JCMGs: e.g., profile your favorite plant, write about a challenging pest you've encountered, recommend social media accounts you enjoy following.