

## JCMG Meeting Agenda May 11, 2022 Meeting

1. Call to order
2. Approval of Prior Meeting (April) Minutes
3. Treasurer's Report (\*\*does NOT include Plant Sale or Butterfly House income/expenses)
  - General Fund: **\$7,625.04**
  - Plum Grove: **\$1,204.59**
  - Butterfly House: **\$2,292.04**
  - New or Known Pending Receipts:
4. Review of JCMG Steering Committee Meeting Calendar
5. Extension Report/Announcements
6. Old Business
7. New Business
  - Taste of Heritage Garden at Plum Grove in July
8. Project Reports
9. Administrative Reports
  - MG Continuing Education
  - Social Events
  - Volunteer Hours/Secretary/Fall Training
10. Adjourn
  - Date of Next Meeting: **Wednesday, June 8**
  - Thymes Newsletter Deadline: **Friday, May 27**

**Hybrid Meeting Starting at 6:30pm:** In-person location, Johnson County Extension office.  
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## Project Reports

- **Attended Displays**
  - April 24 participated in Insect Zoo at Mercer Park- Li-Hsien Lin answered questions and said there were lots of questions. The Attended Displays table was next to the butterfly table which helped garner interest in the materials and generated questions.
  - May 7 JCMG Plant Sale Education Table-Jackie, Kay Moehling and Elayne Sexsmith answered many, many questions and the ones we didn't know we will respond to at a later date with the answer.
- **Butterfly House** – Silent auction went well. Thank you to those who donated items and placed bids. Repairs to the hoop house and plans for the fair are being discussed with Lucy from Forever Green. The Insect Zoo held at Mercer Park this month drew over 700 people. They passed through in a line so most were talked to. There were three tables: attended display, Murphy's butterfly exhibit, and seed ball making (over 500 made). The city asked if we would come to several day camps in June to talk and make seed balls (details to be worked out)
- **Coralville Historical Schoolhouse** – no report
- **Ecumenical Towers** – Michael will be conducting a Spring clean-up this coming Friday, May 13 in the afternoon
- **Demo Gardens** – Now that the plant sale is behind it is time to get busy with the Demonstration Garden. There was to be a special work session Tuesday, May 10, 2022, at 4 P.M. Lots of soil to be moved. Straw bales will be brought out and conditioning of the bales begun. There is a plan to grow potatoes two ways and one is in a straw tomato cage. Chris states mower needs to be serviced.
- **Downtown City Projects:** Downtown City Gardens will implement our new garden design on the south side of Capital Street Parking Garage next week (May 14) and plant the purple hyacinth beans in the Secret Garden. Plant Sale plants were installed in the Northside Garden and Melrose Avenue (Dottie Ray Gardens). We are a couple of weeks behind the weeds ...
- **Fairgrounds Landscaping (Rain Garden, Flower Beds)** – Work session Wednesday, May 11 at 9 A.M. Beds around Montgomery Hall will be tidied up to get ready to plant seeds. Will also work to tidy up Rain Garden. Linda and Chris planted black-eyed susan (*Rudbeckia*) obtained as leftovers from the Plant Sale on Horse Hill.
- **Firefighters Memorial** – no report
- **Plant Sale & Flea Market** – detailed report coming soon from Emil
- **Hortline** – no report
- **Hospice Garden at Willow Creek** – no report
- **JC Fair/4-H Buckets of Flowers & Scarecrow** – no report
- **Oaknoll Garden Project** – There are 13 master gardeners participating. The gardeners and their Oaknoll pals enjoyed a program in April by Emil Rinderspacher on his favorite perennials for Iowa. This year is their first time to gather together since 2019 but each gardener has helped out their pal outdoors so the grounds at Oaknoll look very nice. Drive by on Benton St and check out the colorful beds. Many thanks to all who help out.

- **Plum Grove** – Darlene reports work in vegetable garden is scheduled Wednesday 5:30–7 P.M. and Saturdays 9:30 A.M.–Noon.
- **Raptor Center Gardens** – no activity to report; Ann Tvedte reports she is stepping down as Project Leader
- **Speakers Bureau**
  - April 7 - Linda and Jackie gave a presentation on seed starting. About 18 people were in attendance and asked many questions.
  - Alice Linhart will be giving annual container gardening class at 6 pm this Thursday at the Swisher Library. It's been very well received in the past and we are anxious to resume this tradition after the 2 year coronavirus hiatus. There are already 15 folks signed up. It will be fun! In addition, the Swisher library has asked Alice to do one class a month through August. She agreed, and is currently discussing with the Library possible subjects.
- **Thymes:** For the Thymes blog there were 390 views by 170 visitors. with four posts published in April; the highest number of visitors to the blog so far (previous highest was 167 views by 109 visitors in November 2021). Traffic came primarily from Facebook posts/links