



Story County
Master

Gardener
Association

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November 2017 Newsletter

November 20, 7 pm Program:

Hospitality:

NOTE: Please wear your nametags to the meetings.

The President's Row

Last month we had to meet in the classroom, so we were a little crowded. There were reports afterwards that some were having trouble hearing. It can be frustrating when you cannot hear so please don't be bashful, say something and we will make every effort to turn up the volume.

The October meeting saw the approval of some changes to the by-laws. These changes allow the membership to elect officers instead of the officers being elected by the Directors.

There were three director positions whose term expires at the end of the year. Lisa Hein agreed to serve another term if elected. After the first of the year the Directors at Large will be Michelle Boswell, Jane Tomesch, and Tom Jordan. Three of the officers remain unchanged, Lisa Hein, vice-president, Andrea Dorn, secretary, and Brenda Kruse, treasurer. Susan Stocker will be the next president.

Again, this year we have the opportunity to decorate a Christmas tree at the Iowa Arboretum. If you would like to help, contact Brenda Kruse.

Dues are due. They are still \$10. You can give them to our treasurer or mail them to Box 164. Happy Thanksgiving!

Tom Jordan
2017 SCMGA President

General Meeting Minutes 10-16-17

Our speaker and SCMGA member was Gabbi Edwards of ISU Extension. She helped us figure out how to determine "What is wrong with my tree?"

The minutes were approved as corrected. "October 2 newsletter" should be changed to "October 9 newsletter."

Treasurer Brenda Kruse reported that we have a balance of \$13927.96. Collection of dues will begin soon. Also the symposium is coming up next month.

Darla Ewalt spoke about the symposium. They need to add one speaker to the flyer making a total of 6 speakers. The flyers were emailed out today and available at the meeting. The symposium will be November 18 at 8:45 am at the Iowa Arboretum and will worth 6 educational credit hours.

Stephen Barnhart reported that no scholarship applications have been received. A discussion ensued about how best to promote this program. Jackie Runyan asked if we should widen the availability to different fields of study such as entomology and forestry. Ann Wilbur wondered if we could take a more personal approach (right now applications are sent to guidance counselors and college advisors). Brenda suggested that we also put it on our Facebook page.

Linda Schroeder Tucker shared with us the list of books that we'll be donating to the area libraries. There has been some delay working through Reiman Gardens but two will be from Seed Savers and three will be from Amazon.

Tom presented a letter from the Iowa Arboretum thanking us for sponsoring interns in the past and requesting a similar donation. Bronwyn Frame suggested that we mention the interns when we donate. Brenda mentioned that the budget will be ready in a week or so but basically we have about \$13,000 that we are working on from the past. Our income this year was about \$7,000. The library book budget is \$1000, and scholarships budget is \$2,000. Linda moved that we keep the donations for Iowa Arboretum and Reiman Gardens the same this year (\$2,500 each). Bronwyn suggested that we leave the rest of our donation budget open for other entities. The motion was approved.

Tom explained that when we were first incorporated, by law we had to follow the procedures outlined in our present bylaws to elect officers and board members (board members elected by membership and officers elected by board members). Now, because we are under the auspices of ISU Extension we no longer need to follow that procedure. The bylaws committee moved that we change the bylaws to so that the membership can now elect officers. The motion was approved.

Tom then directed the elections of board members and officers. The following were approved by the membership:

Directors at large – Michelle Boswell, Jane Tomesch and Tom Jordan
President – Susan Stocker
Vice President – Lisa Hein
Treasurer – Brenda Kruse
Secretary – Andrea Dorn

Ann thanked the association for the Arboretum for the use of the tables.

Respectfully submitted
Andrea Dorn
2017 SCMGA Secretary

Opportunities for Service and Education

Service

- ☀ Volunteer to give a presentation at the SCMGA meetings
- ☀ **Volunteer** to work at Evergreen Lane gardens in Nevada next summer. I'd like to line up some volunteers for next year now so let's all think ahead. Contact Andrea adorn@iowatelecom.net or 515/382-5604
- ☀ **Volunteer** to help set-up the SCMGA holiday tree at the Iowa Arboretum. We need someone to step up and organize the annual tree we decorate at the Arboretum. We'd also need a

committee to help with all the work. Here are the details: Dec. 2 - Dec 17: public viewing of the trees. Decorating times: Thursday, Nov 30: 9 am - 8 pm. Friday, Dec 1: 9 am - 4 pm. Pick up decorations after Dec 18, but call ahead because they may be closed at certain times during the holidays. I have the letter from the Arboretum for whoever might be interested (and also some ideas for a theme, if they want). Brenda K, besurk.bk@gmail.com

Education

- ☀️ This fall the new Master Gardener class will begin in September. Katie Williams had sent out an email to everyone on Tuesday, Aug 8th that included the schedule for the upcoming classes in case anyone wanted to host a class. Response was great and the host listed filled up quickly. This led me to inquire about sitting in on a class if not a host. Previously, as an active Master Gardener, you were allowed to sit in on any class and receive education credits for it. This year the Story and Boone Program Coordinators decided not to offer that option unless you agreed to host the class. However, you can still take the class on-line after it has been presented and receive education credits for it. If you are interested in a specific class, contact the Story County Program Coordinator, Katie Williams at kwillia@iastate.edu or call the office at 515-382-6551.
- ☀️ **SCMGA Fall Symposium**, November 18th, Iowa Arboretum

SCMGA 2017 Program Calendar

- ☀️ November 20 - Donald Lewis, How insects make it through the winter
- ☀️ December 18 - Carl Kurtz, Prairie restoration and management

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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