

Master Gardener Volunteers—Mahoning County

Meeting Minutes

June 8, 2017

Opening

The regular meeting of the Master Gardener Volunteers—Mahoning County was called to order at 6:30pm on June 8, 2017 in Ohio State Extension Office by Marilyn McKinley.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mike Beudis.

Program

Thank you to Stan Vuletick for a wonderful talk on growing dahlias. Stan provides dahlias for Mill Creek Park, Austintown Parks and other parks and gardens throughout our area. He showed three ways to propagate dahlias—seed, tubers and by using a piece of the crown as well as sharing his many years of successfully growing dahlias. Thank you to Stan for an interesting and informative talk and to Pam Baytos for all of the great programs she has brought to our group!

Committee Business

Local Flavor & Farm Visits—Locations and schedules have been set and first visits have started. Volunteers, please be at the locations by 5:00pm and bring a lawn chair. If you need more information, schedules are at the office.

Bring One/Take One & Garden Art Sale—June—Scheduled for August 12 at the fairgrounds, more volunteers are needed.

Plant & Pest Clinic—David Sprague—Clinic is now at the busiest time of year and more help is needed. Volunteer sign-up sheets are hanging up inside the door but more than three people can be working each day. If you have questions, please talk to Dave.

Vindicator Articles—Eric—More articles are always needed and Eric gave several suggestions for articles. (See email on June 1, 2017). Articles should be 400 words. Think about something you are passionate about and write an article!

Newsletter—Please see announcement above.

Fair Committee—Barb Delisio—Everyone is working hard on fair preparations. There will be five stations plus a vegetable garden. Trees & shrubs—June Nolasco & Michelle

Spornak; Pollinators & Insects—Katie Shipka; Annuals & Herbs—Pam Baytos; Perennials—Margaret Biroshak; Clinic—Dave. A team of volunteers will be needed on Saturday before the fair to put up tables, posters etc.

Annuals & Herbs—Pots have been painted with chalk paint and plants are identified. They will also have examples of vinegars and teas that can be made as well as recipes.

Perennials—There will be examples of both sun and shade plants. Margaret is looking for an old picnic table with benches attached. If anyone has one, please let her know.

Clinic—Description/types of services provided as well as posters on invasive plants and pests.

Vegetable garden—Plants have been started and are growing in pots. Board has been put together showing process of planning and putting together a vegetable garden.

Grounds Committee—Bob & Mike—Largest group ever showed up to help with clean up and planting of extension grounds. Question was asked about mowing weeds down in garden area at back of extension office and also about treating Canada thistle. Research is in progress!

Phenology—David Sprague—Program is limited due to planned construction work on parking lot. However, sign-up sheet is in clinic and all plants are tagged. Sign up for one week. Sheets are provided for making notes—first bloom, end of bloom and noting pollinators.

Speakers Bureau—More volunteers are needed! This is a great way to reach out to the community and let more people know about us and what we do. Talk to Judy and get on the list.

Garden Arts & Crafts—Pam will notify of next event. Articles will be sold at Bring One/Take One. People are needed to transport garden art to pumpkin barn at fairgrounds.

Wreaths Across America—New site has been selected in North Jackson. 154 wreaths will be placed at Veterans graves (they will be marked by flags.) Date is still to be determined. More help will be needed this year as we are getting our wreaths from a local supplier and we will possibly have to make and/or attach bows to each wreath.

Hospitality—Peggy Griffiths can use help with refreshments at Coffee w/Master Gardeners. If you are wanting to cook for any event, please make sure you have taken on-line food safety course and printed out copy of certificate for yourself and the office.

Recognition Banquet—June Nolasco and Pam Baytos—Date this year will be 1st Tuesday of December (5th) at Tavolo's on Mahoning Ave. Banquet will start at 6:30pm. There will be app. 12-14 items for auction. Mark your calendars now!

State Awards—State conference will be 29th & 30th of September. More information will be sent via email. Committee has submitted Valley Grows for consideration and has also submitted Barb Delisio's name as Master Gardner of the Year.

Announcements

Anyone who will be working directly with children must have a complete background check. If you are working on any program that may have children present, it must be registered at O.S.U. If you have questions regarding these regulations, please email Eric or Beth Smith.

Newsletter will be written by three O.S.U. interns this summer. Any information for newsletter must be sent to Lori Moff before 1st of month.

We are still looking for someone to take over the newsletter. Anyone interested in volunteering to do newsletter, please talk to Marilyn or Bill Snyder.

When submitting articles, cartoons, etc. for newsletter, please be careful of copyright laws.

MGV handbook needs updating. Marilyn will check with Eric to see if handbook can be posted online.

There is app \$500 in state moneys that has been given to group to be used for something non-disposable. Any ideas for items we could use? Contact Marilyn or Eric for more information.

Trumbull County hosts "In the Garden" programs. Check out their website for more information.

Publicity—We need more community exposure for our programs. Eric has asked each member to take a form and fill it out with names of places in your area where you can post flyers for our upcoming events.

Next Coffee with Master Gardeners will be on June 19th, 2017.

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 8:45 by Marilyn McKinley.

The next general meeting will be at 6:30pm, July 13th, 2017 at the Extension office.

Minutes submitted by: Peg Zeleznik