

# St Charles County Master Gardener

## Monthly Meeting Minutes (Final)

Thursday, 26 August 2021

**If you have any questions, comments, or corrections before these minutes are approved please contact your MG Secretary Rebekah Davis at rdbirds19@yahoo.com**

Call to Order: Joe Walker called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM

Attendance: 19

Speaker: Tour of the Thornhill Home and grounds in Faust Park -MG Micha Kornblum was out tour guide for the evening.

Secretary's Report: Rebekah Davis- Monthly meeting minutes for 22 July 2021 were approved as written.

Treasurer's Report: Rebecca Poon- The financial report for end of July 2021 was provided. Net monthly change and cash in bank was identified. Revenue and Expense totals with Net Income for 2021 were shown. Fund transfers and class balances were shown.

MU Horticulturalist: Justin Keay-  
Joe Walker reported 12 St. Charles County residents are registered for online level1 training.

A new bookkeeper (Brenda Doll) has been hired to assume Jan Brown's responsibilities, she has retired as of today.

### **Committee Reports-**

Education: Jan Carron-  
Dig-In 2022 update:

Joe Walker reported the date for Dig-In is set for Saturday, February 26<sup>th</sup> 2022. The theme will focus on native plants and supporting our pollinators. The Dig-In will probably be hosted on Zoom again, volunteer Zoom facilitators (moderators) are needed. Val Mertz also mentioned that the Education Committee needs help finding speakers. Topics of interest include invasives and native plant seed starting. All experience levels are welcome!

Demo Gardens: Cindy Platzer, Marsha Brown-

Marsha Brown reported that the Gateway Gardener will be doing an article on the Demo Gardens in the September edition. Cindy Platzer is investigating possibly having Channel 5 do a live weather broadcast from the Extension Center. The Food Pantry volunteers have helped generate 1,493 lbs of donated vegetables for the local food pantry. Joe Walker did a shout-out for all 33 Demo Garden Leads, their names were included in the meeting agenda.

Communication: Mary Medina-

Joe Walker reminded the group to keep checking the Monday Newsletter for the latest updates.

Website: Mary Carey-  
No report

Continuing and Advanced Training (CE & AT): Bonnie Winkeler-

Bonnie Winkler reminded the group to check the Monday Newsletter for updated listings on opportunities for CE and AT credit.

Speakers Bureau: Valerie Mertz-

September 23rd at 6:30 PM

Topic: Urban Farming in our metropolitan area

Speaker: Tyrean Lewis

Location: 1 St Peters Centre Blvd, St Peters, MO 63376

City Centre pavilion R next to Mansfield Nursery across Mexico road from Menards in St Peters

October Fall Gathering-

The group was asked if they would be willing to do a "share-a-thon" instead of a guest speaker.

Committees and garden leads could do round-robin presentations and discussions, explaining what their committees and gardens are all about.

The members present were 50/50 on having an indoor vs outdoor meeting in October.

Paul Hendricks Award: Val Mertz-

Nominations are now open for the Paul Hendricks Award. This award is given to chapter members for service, education, and leadership. Nominations will be accepted now through October 1<sup>st</sup>. Send nominations to Valerie Mertz.

Hort Line: Patti Kolek-

Patti Kolek reported that the HortLine is doing really well with 253 contacts so far. Volunteers names were included on agenda. No HL training is occurring currently. Patti thanked the chapter for reimbursement to HL volunteers for Penn State University online pest diagnosis training.

Membership: Waneta Parmenter and Bonnie Winkeler-

The online volunteer hours reporting system is up! Contact Waneta Parmenter if you need help with setup.

**Welcome new Emeritus Master Gardeners**

The following MGs were presented with their new badges:

Terri Scheer

Donna Lindsey

Marsha Brown (Advanced Emeritus)

Congratulations!

**Welcome new Master Gardeners**

Earl Ahart

Gladys C. Curtis

Lauren Rohrbach

Welcome!

**Community Outreach Projects-**

Saint Charles Farmers market: Patti Kolek-

Patti Kolek reported on activities at the St Charles Farmers Market on Saturdays. Volunteers were thanked for their help, their names were listed on the agenda.

Boys and Girls Club – O’Fallon: Joe Walker-

Joe Walker reported that classes were done for the year. All MG volunteers were thanked for helping out this year, their names were included on the agenda.

St Charles Historic Gardens: Terri Scheer-

Terri Scheer reported the gardens were looking good for the bicentennial weekend. Volunteers who have helped with the gardens this year were thanked, their names were listed in the agenda.

Missouri Master Gardeners Association (MOMGA): Joe Walker-

If you didn’t receive the most recent MOMGA newsletter let us know. You can find the newest addition on the MOMGA website, link is in the Monday Newsletter.

New Business:

**MG chapter evaluating accounting procedures change and non-profit status designation-**

Marsha Brown spoke to the group about issues with accounting regarding the plant sales and Dig-In. This resulted in Marsha working with a group in the investigation and pursuit of the chapter becoming designated as its own 501(c)3 non-profit with an independent bank account. Marsha assured the group that this does not change anything with our chapter’s relationship with Extension or MU, it is just to allow us an outside bank account and smoother accounting processes. Marsha has MU’s guidelines in regards to setting up independent bank accounts for anyone who would like to read it. The Extension Council is aware of this process along with the Steering Committee’s support. The team will be talking with a lawyer. Adjustments to the By-laws will most likely be coming soon. Anyone who has questions or is interested in helping is welcome to contact Marsha Brown.

Good of the Order:

Kevin Minard mentioned that some yellow caution tape was put up to keep mowers away from areas that are being grown out along the property perimeter.

Joe Walker mentioned to the group that there have been talks with 4-H. If anyone is interested in volunteering in an outreach program with 4-H, let Joe Walker know.

Thank you to this month’s facilitator: Micha Kornblum

Meeting was adjourned at 7:43 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Rebekah Davis