

# St Charles County Master Gardener

## Monthly Meeting Minutes (FINAL)

28 April 2022

**If you have any questions, comments, or corrections before these minutes are approved, please contact your MG Secretary Catherine Ebone at [catherine.ebone@gmail.com](mailto:catherine.ebone@gmail.com)**

Call to Order: Joe Walker called the meeting to order at 5:33 pm

Attendance: In person 25. Via Zoom: 31.

Speaker: Donna Torbin, Development Associate for St. Joachim and Ann Care Service.  
Topic: St. Joachim and Ann Care Service

MOMGA: Joe Walker—Joe Walker reminded the group that the 2022 Missouri Master Gardener Association Conference will occur September 16-18 at The Capitol Plaza Hotel in Jefferson City, MO

Secretary's Report: Catherine Ebone—Rebekah Davis substituted for Catherine Ebone. Monthly meeting minutes for 24 March 2022 were approved as written.

Treasurer's Report: Rebecca Poon

The financial report for the end of March 2022 was provided. Net monthly change and cash in the bank was identified. Revenue and Expense totals with Net Income for March 2022 were shown.

Acting Extension MG: Debi Kelly—No report. Patti Kolek mentioned that Extension has conducted interviews and may have selected a new St. Charles Extension Horticulturist.

### **Committee Reports-**

Membership: Waneta Parmenter, Bonnie Winkeler and Sydney Turner –Sydney Turner reminded the group to remember to log their hours. How to log handle logging hours from helping with the plant sales were discussed.

CE/AT-Bonnie Winkeler—No report.

Education: Jan Carron—The Education Committee plans to begin meetings once plant sales are over. Please consider joining this committee.

Speakers Bureau: Valerie Mertz-

May 26<sup>th</sup> will be a field trip to Frisella's Nursery in Defiance, hosted by Julianna. Meeting start time is 5pm. 550 Hwy F Defiance, MO.

Plant Sale: Marsha Brown and Libby Wilson.

Marsha discussed the schedule and details for assisting with setup and plant sale days.

April 29<sup>th</sup> set up and MG presale (2<sup>nd</sup> one)

April 30<sup>th</sup> and May 1<sup>st</sup>—Public Sale (2 consecutive days)

Greenhouse: Laura Steimel, Nancy Torke—Laura Steimel reported that watering crews are finished. Volunteers are needed for setup and working plant sale to get plants watered through Sunday, May 1<sup>st</sup>. Left over plants will be cleared out of the greenhouse on Monday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>. Once sales are concluded volunteers will be needed to help wash returned plant pots.

Demo Gardens: Cindy Platzer—Cindy Platzer reported that a girl scout troop visited to work on a gardening badge by helping plant marigolds on the property. They were treated to a snack courtesy of the Herb Garden leads.

Donna Lindsey provided an update on growing native plants using the milk jug method. Rebekah Davis and Del Moeller provided updates on upcoming work needed in the Iris and Pantry Gardens. Del Moeller is looking for a co-lead.

We have a new guest book for visitors to the garden.

Library Tours: Share our Facebook post through your Facebook post please.

Bird's Nest display was on display at the meeting, the display is available to check out for events.

Soil delivery has been done for the amendment bins, leaf mulch for the amendment bins may happen next week, weather permitting.

The gardens are greening up—Contact garden leads to volunteer/schedule.

Hort Line: Patti Kolek--Hortline office PC is being replaced. Calls are picking up. Hortline training class—Tuesday May 10 10:00-12:00.

### **Community Outreach Projects**

Farmers Markets: Patti Kolek—Patti Kolek reported signups are being accepted for—  
New Melle 1<sup>st</sup> Sat. of month  
St. Charles 3<sup>rd</sup> Sat. of month

St. Charles Historic Gardens: Terri Scheer  
Nothing new to report

Boys and Girls Club—O'Fallon: Joe Walker—Joe Walker reported that the club coordinator is hoping to start a gardening club for kids. As part of preparation for Summer Blast, MGs are invited to work with the afternoon kids for about 40 minutes, once a week as appropriate, during the spring school year to show them how to plant/transplant, prune, water, etc. Also, the Summer Blast is still accepting MG volunteers to help with the summer programming. Joe Walker is looking for interested volunteers. Contact Joe ([atsi-walker@att.net](mailto:atsi-walker@att.net)) if you would like to help with the program.

### Good of the Order:

Next General Membership meeting is May 26 at Frisella's Nursery. Bring a lawn chair.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:48 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Rebekah Davis