

# St Charles County Master Gardener

## Monthly Meeting Minutes (FINAL)

24 February 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: Laura Steimel called the meeting to order at 5:29pm

Attendance: 68 attended via zoom. The meeting room originally scheduled at the library which was closed due to weather

Speaker- Val Mertz introduced our speaker Amy Nau from Pearce Hall in Wentzville. She spoke on Horticulture Therapy. Amy spoke on her work in Louisiana and her plans for Pearce Hall which include raised gardens for on-site edible food production, a hoop house and an outdoor kitchen space. If anyone is interested in volunteering contact Amy at [amylynnnaue@gmail.com](mailto:amylynnnaue@gmail.com).

Secretary's Report: Catherine Ebone - Monthly meeting minutes for 22 January 2022 were approved as written.

Treasurer's Report: Rebecca Poon- The financial report for the end of January 2022 was provided. Net monthly change and cash in the bank was identified. Revenue and Expense totals with Net Income for 2021 were shown.

### **Committee Reports-**

Membership: Waneta Parmenter, Bonnie Winkeler and Sydney Turner Members were reminded. to submit their volunteer hours. MG meetings with speakers qualify for meeting and education hours. Tips were given on how to record both education and meeting hours in one entry.

CE/AT-Bonnie Winkler wanted members to know that reading can qualify for CE hours. Joe Walker added that requirements have been updated on the website

Education: Jan Carron- Jan reminded members about the Dig-In on Saturday, February 26. Registration is closed. 115 people have registered.

Speakers Bureau: Valerie Mertz-

Tom Higgins , current MOMGA president, will speak on No Till gardening at our March meeting.. The meeting will be held in C Room. A representative from J & A Care pantry will be our April speaker. A field trip to Friscellas Nursery is scheduled for May.

Plant Sale: Marsha Brown and Libby Wilson-

Marsha announced that the cool season plant sale will be in person on March 19-20. SignUp Genius will be used to regulate crowds. Marsha also showed a picture of the aphids that were found on the pansies in the greenhouse. The problem is being addressed. Seeding parties are scheduled for March 9, 23 and 30 and April 9..

Greenhouse: Laura Steimel and Nancy Torke-

Laura reported watering is in full force in the greenhouse. If anyone wants to join the watering crew they can contract her.

Demo Gardens: Cindy Platzer-

Cindy announced she is looking for co-leads for the foundation gardens. These gardens require the use of plants for all types of growing and light needs. The Demo Garden Leads quarterly meeting will be held on March 5.

Hort Line: Patti Kolek-

Patti Kolek reported that the Hort-Line has been busy fielding calls about MG classes and orders for the book Missouri Landscapes. Hort-Line volunteers will start being on-site in two or three weeks. Patti said she needs to consult on the availability of B or C room before scheduling a Hort-Line class,

New Business: Joe Walker reported that a Meet and Greet orientation was held Feb. 12 for current MG trainees and interns. Another will be held at a future date for those who could not attend. This is the first in-person orientation since the start of COVID

A presentation on native plants for Daisy Scouts was made by two master gardeners and one master naturalist. For more information read the Monday morning newsletter. The request came through Hort-line.

Anyone interested in helping out for future requests should contact Joe Walker at [atsiwalker@att.net](mailto:atsiwalker@att.net).

Patti Kolek reported that the Veterans Memorial Museum in Ofallon is looking for guidance for their landscape area. For more information contact Patti Kolek at [pattit.kolek@gmail.com](mailto:pattit.kolek@gmail.com).

Joe Walker reported on a request from Fairmont Elementary. He stated it was not so much a request for labor as planning and guidance.

Joe also mentioned the Boys and Girls Club program that MGs have participated in the past. It is a 7-9 week summer program where campers can learn about planting and get their hands dirty.

If you are not getting the MOMGA newsletter let Joe know. It came out Feb.16.

Good of the Order:

It was announced that Forest Releaf Nursery will have a potting party March 19. Master Gardeners and Master Naturalist have potted up to 3000 trees at this event in the past.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:26.

Respectfully submitted,  
Catherine Ebone