



Gwinnett County
Master Gardeners
Association

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BOARD MINUTES

Monday, July 13th
10:00 a.m.

Held at:
2nd floor conference room
Gwinnett County Extension Building

Present:

Carole Teja, Becky Wolary, Maggie Howze, Alice Verner, Lori Prosser, Jessica Miller, Shirley Bohm, Jackie Kujawa, Mary Ann Hindes, Karen McGinty, Carol Hassell, Tim Daly, Kathy Parent, Genia Ryan

10:00 am Meeting Called to Order by President Carole Teja

10:05 am Approval of Minutes of Last Meeting

Becky made a motion to accept minutes, as presented., Shirley seconded.

Reports

Extension Office – Staff Updates

Tim: Emphasized the need for MGEVs to enter volunteer hours in the MGLog system. We're slightly behind Cobb MG total hours. (Friendly rivalry.)

Mentions: Lunch and Learn. Will need volunteers for Green Industry Association convention in August. Needs some volunteers for speakers bureau. Pleased with Farmers Markets booths. May look for other venues for similar info tables to market MG program.

Trying to get handle on school gardens for EO records: wants to showcase in presentation at fall conference he plans to attend in Tifton.

Advanced propagation class at Gwinnett Tech in August: notice just went out. Carole suggested that information about MGEV training be put at member meetings.

Kathy:she and Sheri Dorn created: a sign indicating information available. Posted at McDaniel Farms, available for other community gardens.

President – Carole Teja

- Carole presented Gardener2Gardener Plant Sale event concept, showing a schematic to illustrate how it would be set up in parking area of the Gwinnett Fairgrounds.
- The Koi Club event on Saturday, October 10, will offer an opportunity to test the concept.

- Genia hopes to have plant sale annually at Gwinnett Fairgrounds.
- What about other items than donated plants from members? Row A would be where non-plant garden related items.
- Charge minimal space rent (say, \$10). As for sales proceeds, members can keep the proceeds from selling their own potted plants, or, if they wish, donate them to GCMGA.
- Becky pointed out that entrance of Fairgrounds are on Davis Road, NOT Sugarloaf. Information about this will be included in association communications and will be signed on Sugarloaf.
- Will there be invitations issued to nurseries? Next year, this would be desirable – Randy's, etc., -- but NOT this year.
- The Koi Club has a contract for this same weekend for 3 years, wanted a commitment from GCMGA to partner, but Carole declined to do this. As to conflicts, October 10 is Lilburn Daze, but no other related event that she could find (not Hall County fall sale). No vendors at this point. If board agrees, we could invite vendors, but we cannot really guarantee attendance, etc. This year is test run. EO asked to have info table. Motion: Jackie, Karen 2nd to proceed with this event.

- Carole noted that we will have an organizational meeting in a couple weeks.

Vice President – Genia Ryan

- Next few months' general programs
 - July: Connie and Mike – deer
 - August: Sheri – color in the landscape
 - September – picnic
 - October – Lyndy Broder – Clematis for the Southern Garden
 - November – holiday party. Theme: Old-timey class reunion. See if we can't get some interest.
- 2016 Programs to date
 - January – Lunchtime meeting – Joe Lamp'l (Jan 16) (back in GA, still filming, lives in Alpharetta, active with Fulton Cty MG. Still filming, but no outlet in GA has picked him up.)
 - February – Felder Rushing – tentative.

- For 2016: Genia noted that the Executive Committee had talked about the possibility of an all-day symposium as an alternative to plant sale. For education, fundraising.

Treasurer – Maggie Howze

- Financial Report
 - \$25,854 total funds.
 - Whole Foods Market's donation totaled \$3,536.
 - Most grant recipients have not submitted expense requests not in as yet.
 - In response to a questions, the grant for a scholarship to Gwinnett Tech already been disbursed.

- Jackie wondered if this would be time to propose another grant. Becky and Maggie explained that this will be taken up during 2016 budget development and that it was not appropriate now since we are still in FY 2015.
- Do we want to consider doing silent auction as fundraiser for early 2016? Some discussion, no decision.
- Current membership: 192 members, including friends.

Immediate Past President – Becky Wolary on Constitution & Bylaw status

- Becky submitted to the board for review and a vote
 - Amendments to the current Bylaws, developed by the Committee on the Constitution & Bylaws, chaired by Becky.
 - The committee's recommendation, as stated in a cover memo
- As required by the Bylaws, Becky asked Carol to read the committee's report on the Bylaws update.
- Becky stated we will answer questions.
- The board is asked to vote electronically by 2 weeks from today -- by July 27. This should be done as an electronic vote and should be sent to Becky.
- Becky will send an explanatory memo and the revised by-laws to those board members not in attendance today.
- Carole stated that the Constitution will be revisited at some point in time.
- Jessica recommended that the committee continue to revamp the Constitution in 2015. We won't have another board member until October. She asked that the board consider letting us move forward since we have 150 or more hours invested. Jackie observed that Carole might have different opinion. Carole stated that we're running out of time. Discussion about how process moves forward.

Recording Secretary – Carol Hassell

- Read the Committee Report on proposed By-Laws amendments. (Text of report attached at the end of these minutes.)
- Carol stated that minutes of the business segment of the preceding three general member meetings needed to be approved by the board so they can be posted on the association's website in the Members Only section. Carole Teja had sent them to board members electronically prior to this meeting.
 - Motion to approve 3 months general member meetings: Karen, Jackie 2nd.

Committee Chairs**

Education – Jessica Miller

2015 Workshops to date:

- Emily Robison - Terrariums (Jan 31) at Carole's: **25 GCMGA Members attended this workshop and took home a terrarium**
- Lori Prosser - English Garden Photos (April 13) Bethesda Center: **46 signed in for this workshop, GCMGA provided drinks and cookies**
- Jane Burke- (June 3) Felted Flowers At her home, **this workshop had 14 signed in**, each GCMGA member attending made a felted flower, and took home supplies to make a second flower.

2015 Scheduled Workshops:

- Sept 23 – Carol Hassell: ID of invasive plants at Kistner Center, Free.
- October 15 – Eddie Minche: Bee’s Wax workshop, making lip balm and hand salve. At Jessica Miller’s home, cost to be determined, based on supplies.
- November 4 – Jane Burke: Propagation and winterizing in the garden. In Jane’s garden, GCMGA Members will receive “hands on” training at this workshop. Rain date, Nov 6. Cost to be determined, based on soil usage.
- December 2 – Grant Writing 101: Before coming to this workshop, complete the GCMGA project grant application to the best of your ability. Discussion will focus on the scope of information the application requests, meeting the minimum criteria and how it is possible to enhance the opportunity that your project receives supporting funds. County, State and National grants available will be included in the lesson plan.

Field Trips – Mary Ann

Field Trips 2015	Date (dates may change)
An Opulence of Orchids: Two Orchid Nurseries in One Day <i>Cancelled due to ice--reschedule for 2016 same time of year.</i>	Feb. 25, 2015 Peach State and Rainbeau Orchid Nurseries
The Pocket at Pigeon Mountain: Wildflower Walk and Sack Lunch at Debbie Parks home nearby	March 25 <i>completed</i>
Vince Dooley's Garden	May 19, 2015 (Genia Ryan) <i>completed</i>

Jaemor Farms Tour Alto, GA	Wednesday, July 1 <i>Completed</i>
Piccadilly Farm Nursery &/or Goodness Grows (Lunch in Danielsville)	First week of Oct exact date TBA
Callanwolde Fine Arts Center: <i>Home for the Holidays</i> Lunch before for those interested.	Monday, December 1, 2015 1:30 Cost: \$15.00 per person entry One payment only. It can be check, cash or credit card.

Pop-up informal tours	
Hydrangea Festival	Weekend of June 6-7, 2015

Public Relations/Marketing – Faye Sisson

- Faye not present.
- Carole asked Lori, as Historian, for comments.
- Lori needs photos of events and activities since she cannot be everywhere. She'll do photo compilation for November meeting.

Garden Tour – Julie Foster and Linda Edwards

Final Report and financials on this year's garden tour:

- Carole complimented the garden tour co-chairs, Linda and Julie, on doing an exceptional job, including assembling a procedures binder.
- Financial Report:
 - Expenses: \$564. Ticket printing was donated, thanks to Genia.
 - Revenue: \$3,248.
 - Net: \$2,684.
- Observations:
 - Did not have member support, based on tickets sold.
 - Lowest attendance at any garden: 85.
 - Highest attendance at any garden: 124..

Grants – Alice Verner

- Carole stated that quality and quantity of grants (applications) this year needs to be updated.
- Discussion ensued.

Hospitality – Shirley Bohm

1. Committee Members:
 - a. Alice Verner
 - b. Amelia Skelton
 - c. Becky Panetta
 - d. Deborah Duello

- e. Jean Patterson
 - f. Liz Tarver
 - g. Maggie Howze
 - h. Pat Harper
 - i. Shirley Bohm, Chair
2. Refreshments and setups for service at the monthly GCMGA pot lucks were provided for 3 events:
 - a. April 20th, Successful Vegetable Gardening, by Bob Westerfield
 - b. May 18th, Love of Gardening, by Vince Dooley
 - c. June 15th, Invasive Species, by Karen Rawlins
 3. Mid-year Hospitality Committee meeting scheduled for July 15, 2015 at the Extension Office
 4. Requesting reimbursements for purchased supplies:
 - a. \$11.18 – drinks (3/16/15)
 - b. \$69.96 – paper/plastic supplies (5/18/15)
 - c. \$25.33 – plastic tablecloths (5/20/18)
 - d. \$41.19 – beverages, coffee, paper/plastic supplies, dish soap
- Carole asked for specific information about September 21 picnic at McDaniel Farm.
 - Shirley said plant exchange needs better organization. Consensus is that members want this event. What about doing this as Felder Rushing described: hand out ticket, bring single plant – POTTED?
 - Food: everyone was pleased with vendor's food from last year, use same vendor. Committee plans to have single dessert, plus sheet cake for anniversary celebration.
 - All attendees must have reservations to attend. Everybody free, varying from last year when guests paid fee.
 - Establish deadline date for reservations with guests free. After this date, guests would be charged.
 - Shirley asked about south-county venue for picnic. Discussion noted that this had been discussed previously by EC and, since garden tour was on south end, we'd stick with McDaniel Farm this year.
 - Also, start time has been earlier than regular meeting time. This needs to be established and promoted.
 - Holiday party: Ask members to volunteer to cook meat items, then offer expense reimbursement, although those who did so previously donated.

Intern Breakfast -- Karen McGinty

- Next year's Intern breakfast dates: March 9, 16 and 23.

Old Business

Weed & Feed – Jackie Kujawa

- Recent activities:
 - One session in Sonya Freidus' garden
 - Two sessions in George Nash's garden

- Probably have a session for Ken Sawyer's family in the near future, although not scheduled yet.

New Business

- Monday, November 16th will be a "Class Reunion" Theme for the Holiday Event
 - Carole asked for help in identifying class participants.
 - She noted that we will have an organizational meeting later.
 - Becky will take 2010 class.

Next Board Meeting: Friday, October 16th. 10:00 a.m. Same location – 2nd Floor conference room, Government Annex Building.

Adjourn: Jackie motion, Maggie 2nd. 11:44 am.

** Please let the Recording Secretary have your written report for *The Minutes* if you are unable to attend any Board Meeting. Thank You.