

GCMGV JULY MONTHLY MEETING 7-18-19

Location: Corey Weydert's patio.

Members Present: 16.

Hours: 2 hours for education – garden tours; 1¼ hours support volunteer – meeting.

We started the evening at 6:00 pm with tours of four gardens in Lancaster and these were completed before our meeting. Tours were held at the homes of Geri Bryhan, Pattie Obma, Delores Dahlgren, and Corey Weydert.

Our meeting called to order by Vice President Wendy Johnson at 7:55 p.m. Verbal roll call was taken by Secretary Connie Landon. Minutes from the June meeting were approved; motion by Jean, second by Ken. Treasurer's report was given by Connie Larson. We have a balance of \$4,305.14. Treasurer's report approved; motion by Melody, second by Nancy Ashmore.

Old Business:

1. Marjie Bennett's Prairie Tour: Held on Sunday, July 14th; seven members attended. It was a very hot and humid day, but the flowers were beautiful. Marjie invites anyone to come and collect seeds. She had a speaker who was a prairie grass and land conservation specialist, and he was very interesting.
2. Grant County Fair Project: Melody explained what she needs for her herb and healing plants. The deadline is the middle of next week – send your info to her. Setup is Wednesday of fair week.
3. Platteville Farmers Market: Our GCMGV club had made a commitment to have a booth one Saturday a month from June through September. Julie Pluemer was there for June. We will not have a booth for July. Corey will do August, and we'll discuss September at the August meeting.

New Business:

1. August Meeting: To be held on Thursday, August 15th, at Chris Swan's home in rural Fennimore. We will first meet at 6:30 p.m. at the Doll Museum in Fennimore to see Marsha Schneider's Butterfly Garden. Then we will proceed to Chris's home to view her Hugelkultur raised bed display, followed by our meeting. Refreshments will be furnished by Nancy Ashmore. Directions for both places will be e-mailed to members and are on our website.
2. Officers Elections and Committees: Amanda said that we need to hold an election in November for President for a one-year term. Nomination forms will be sent out in October. Our committees also need more volunteers. Plant Sale Committee: Corey and Mary offered to help Wendy. We need volunteers for the bus trip, planning, and Grant Co. Fair committees. The spring conference committee has its members.
3. Requests:
 - a. Representatives from Roundtree Stone Cottage requested help for a long-term maintenance for plants on the grounds. Discussion was held, and we will do a group cleanup day in on September 25th, possibly having shifts with retired members working during the day. This will be discussed further at the August meeting.
 - b. There is a request from St. Mary's School in Platteville from Lauren Furrer for some sort of a demonstration for elementary age students. Connie Larson will contact her to get more details.
4. Online Reporting: This is now up and running. Directions were available in the last two e-mails from Mike Maddox and from Amanda. Reports are that it is easy to use.
5. WIMGA Grants: We can apply for the \$400 grant again for our spring conference – deadline is October 1st.
6. Spring Conference Committee: Shirley reported on some changes that have been discussed by the committee. These include having four speakers, changing the time to run from 8:15 to 1:00, and having display table people give a short talk on their display. We have two speakers already booked, and are waiting on others. We feel we should have a table on jumping worms to educate the public. We will increase the price to \$25 for walk-in guests. We welcome input from all members.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 pm; motion by Ken, second by Nancy.

Connie Landon, Secretary

Corrections made 8-16-19