

Our accomplishments made by the Grant County Master Gardener Volunteers this year, 2020, among the virus. A job well done considering the changes that the virus has brought on.

Organized the supplies we have on hand, labeled, and boxed them for easy access at the Extension office.

We got our GCMGV signs ready for marking our garden projects after two years. Thank you Melody Bahr for running around to get this done and everyone who had input in this decision.

Community Involvement Fair was a success with Karin and Melodies organizing.

An I.T. committee was formed and one meeting was available then came the virus. The end.

Shirley was able to keep everyone informed as to what was going on without having meetings through emails and agendas due to the virus

Wendy Johnston was able to extend her project at the Mining Museum with the addition of a Native garden and awarded "Volunteer of the Year" from the Board of the Mining Museum.

Julie Pluemer was awarded "Volunteer of the Year" for a job well done at Katie's Gardens in Platteville.

Our project signs were finally finished and displayed at various projects. Melody was our leader on getting this chore finished, Thank you so much for doing this. We added 4 new projects this year.

Chris Swan was able to finish her first step of her project at Divine Rehab and Nursing Home in Fennimore

Connie Larson's project in Cassville of the first raised bed including a rain barrel installed near the Food Pantry in Cassville as a project associated with UW Food Wise program.

Katie's Garden received a root box that was Karin Peacock's project. This shows people who stop and enjoy the gardens how roots grow at various stages.

Our 4 H program was before the virus was successful with the kids who attended this year. Thank you JoAnne Reynolds, Melody Bahr, and Cindy Arndt.

Mary, Karin are in the process of buying bushes and perennials for the Eckstein building as a spruce up of a part of the extension area for events.

We were able to be a part of the WGLR Virtual Home and Garden Show because of our cancellation of the Spring Conference. Which we able to add some gardening information to folks for their spring gardening.

Our Community Garden project was moving along well until the cancellation due to the virus. We were able to get a couple of gardening lessons in to our Girl Scout troop who were going to participate in the Food Wise program along with the Lancaster Food pantry.

We were able to help the Grant Community Hospital with their gardening spot to help cheer the staff and get them in the groove of gardening this spring with free seeds and gardening information along with a donated gardening raffle gift.

A new program called Gardening in the Library started us off for the year at two libraries, the Lancaster and Platteville Library. The subjects were on starting seeds and which tool to use for which job. This was a success. Then the virus hit.

We reworked two garden beds in Fennimore Marsden Park so people who enjoy the park will see blooms all year long and less maintenance for us next year. We searched for information about the history of the park and found blueprints that showed Mr. Marsden wanted to create a zoo.

Chris Carl was able to fill the community gardens in Lancaster with gardeners young and old. Thank you.

We organized a Spring Conference along with our annual bus trip, speakers of various topics from our planning committee. Due to the virus of 2020 these were also cancelled. Dang virus.

We managed one speaker from Stone Hollow Gardens and Shroomery in Dubuque on Mushrooms.

Our last hope for making money this year is our annual Plant Sale. This was in the fall this year instead of the spring because of the cancelation from the virus. Wendy and the committee managed to pull off a Virtual Fall Plant sale with success. Thank you to the help from contributors of plants, to the helpers that day.

Karin managed to organize a zoom presentation about planting spring bulbs with 20 people attending that went over well through the Platteville Library as part of the "Gardening in the Library Series" which was started in 2020.

We actually found enough information to keep Myleen busy with newsletters. Thank you for your creative touch Myleen.

Let us not forget: We have four new members who went through their training during the pandemic outbreak and came through with flying colors. Welcome aboard and congratulations to all of you.

Everyone has participated in some way or another, which I, as president this year, was hoping to accomplish. I'm very proud of this group for stepping up in a pandemic crisis. It was a trying year yet we all came through it alive and well. Thank you everyone, for a good year.

Shirley Audetat

President

Grant County Master Gardeners Association

[saudetat@hotmail.com](mailto:saudetat@hotmail.com)

[grantcountymastergardeners.weebly.com](http://grantcountymastergardeners.weebly.com)