

**Kettle Moraine Garden Club
June 15, 2023
General Meeting
Okauchee Lion's Club**

General meeting followed a presentation by Sarah Starrett on "Still Life Photography",

President Susan Esslinger called the business meeting to order at 1:57pm
Susan opened with a delightful quote from Charles Dickens describing the joys of summer, followed by a welcome to all those present, including guest Jill Bedford.

Motion to approve the minutes from the May meeting: First, Linda Klimowicz; Second, Karen Gosewehr
APPROVED

Treasurer's Report: Kari Pietsch-Wangard

Operating Account:	\$35,911.09
Civic Account*:	\$49,435.25
Money Market Account**:	\$31,818.69

5/31/2023 Cash Balance.	\$117,165.03
4/30/2023.	\$127,174.62
Difference:	-\$10,009.59

12/31/2023 Cash Balance:	\$123,967.26
Year to date difference:	-\$6,802.23

Motion to approve treasurer's report: First, Lara Ehram; Second, Mary Pat Dalum
APPROVED

Communications: Susan Esslinger congratulated Susan Blott for the wonderful June Newsletter, and then reported for Susan Blott that the *information for the July Newsletter is due to her by June 23, 2023.*

Horticulture: Lara Ehram thanked the judges, Judy Hanson and Julia Syburg as well as the Clerks, Sarah Spencer and Karen Gosewehr for today's flower show judging.
Lara encouraged members to check the directory for a list of the July Flower Show classes. She also noted that a late summer field trip is being planned. More info to come.

Horticulture Flower Show Results

- A. Iris 1st: Sherri Kasdorf
 - 1st: Jackie Rehm
 - 1st: Kris Hieb
 - 1st: Sarah Spencer
- B. Clematis Jackie Rehm

C. Par:

Peony: Margaret Hollister
Anemone: Andrea Psaras
Ground Cover Rose: Jackie Rehm
Coreopsis: Lara Ehram

Floral Design: Joanne Janzer announced the upcoming field trip to “Rose Innovation”, the home of Will Radner, the developer of the “Knock out Rose”. June 20, 2023; 10:00am. \$10.00 entry fee to be collected at the door. A sign up sheet was passed around.

Floral Design Flower Show Results, presented by Judge Elaine Burke
“Flowers Under Water”

1st: Susan Esslinger
2nd: Debbie Treis
3rd: Joanne Janzer

Photography: Margaret Hollister announced the upcoming field trip to West Allis Farmers’ Market, Thursday June 29. It will be an opportunity to use the skills and tips presented by Sarah Starrett. She thanked Jill Bedford for judging today’s show.

Photography Flower Show Results:

Black/White

1st: Sarah Spencer
2nd: Kari Pietsch-Wangard
3rd: Meg Schoenecker
HM: Maureen Hill

Color

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3rd: Kari Pietsch-Wangard
HM: Margaret Hollister

Conservation: Linda Klimowicz reiterated that aquatic plants and water are the focus this year. She brought specimens for display.

The book selection for Conservation is “The Nature of Oaks” by Douglas Tallamy. A date for the discussion has not been set. Linda announced upcoming educational opportunities in the area:

June 24, Saturday: The Annual Lake Country Clean Water Festival/Pewaukee Kiwanis Beach Party
August 9, Wednesday, Noon to 3:00: Retzer Nature Center, “Sustainable Rain Gardens”
September 21, Thursday: Lake Country Clean Water, Oconomowoc Community Center

Program: Janelle Peterson announced the July meeting is to be at Lapham Peak State Park, Trecker Lodge.

Before introducing Janelle, Susan Esslinger thanked Janelle and her kids for planting the flowers on the Lions’ Club grounds, reminding the members that the Lions’ Club allows us to use their facility at no charge in exchange for planting their flowers.

Summer Garden Party: Sherri Kasdorf announced the details.

July 13, Thursday. Location is Barb Farnham's home on Beaver Lake. Dinner and dessert will be served and attendees are asked to bring their own beverage. Also, husbands or other "Plus One" are invited to attend. Barb's and Sherri's husbands will be offering scenic pontoon boat rides on Beaver Lake that evening.

Invitations will be forthcoming.

Holly Berry: Barb Farnham reminded the members of the importance of this event, as it is our club's major fund raiser. Barb encouraged members to make contributions to the Big Board, giving the suggestions of "themed baskets", travel experiences, tickets to performing arts or sporting events, sports memorabilia, etc. She suggested "going in" with a fellow member to develop ideas.

Art en Fleurs: Maureen Hill, Co Chair, and speaking on behalf of her co chairs, Kari, Susan Blott and Jan Ewald reminded members that the last Art en Fleurs was held in 2019. Therefore, there are many members who have joined KMGC since that time for whom this will be a new experience. Efforts will be made to educate and enlighten those members of the depth and breadth of this important event.

The "Flower Show Schedule" for the 2024 Art en Fleurs is in its final drafts and will "go live" on the GCA website September 1, 2023.

The calendar for the upcoming AeF meetings for the various Committee Chairs has been set.

Each of the four participating Wisconsin clubs will have a member who will be her club's photographer for the event. Sarah Spencer has agreed to be KMGC's *official* photographer for 2024 Art en Fleurs.

Maureen announced that the position of Computer Person will be shared by all of the participating clubs for the event. A member from each club will share the responsibility for the important job of entering the registration details on the computer of the Horticulture entries at the time of the show.

A member from KMGC is needed to fill this role. **Looking for a volunteer.**

Also, many people will be needed at the time of the event. "Asks" for the many various roles will happen as the event gets closer. Be prepared to say "yes", to be part of this marvelous experience.

Strategic Plan: Susan Esslinger reported that the due date for the survey which Patty Brink sent to everyone is June 21, 2023. Please complete the survey so that your voice is heard.

Plant Sale: Debbie Kaerek reported that the club earned \$2,154.00 from the plant sale at Shady Lane. Proceeds from the sale go into the "General Account".

Visiting Gardens: Debbie Treis thanked Mary Lou Findley for hosting a tour of her "Woodland Garden". Debbie also encouraged all members to consider hosting garden walks of their gardens.

Mary Pat Dalum graciously invited members to come to view her rose garden today, as it is particularly lovely right now. Members may come today, tomorrow or Saturday. There will be no refreshments, simply an opportunity to view this beautiful, historic garden. Please park at the Carriage House and walk in to the garden.

Additional Business: Pam Angst invited members to pick up their directories.

Judy Hanson reported that broadleaf helleborine is a weedy orchid that is invading lawns and flowerbeds.

Old Business: None

New Business: None

Fun and Frivolous Prize Winner: Judy Hanson

Motion to adjourn: First, Pam Angst ; Second, Sherri Kasdorf

APPROVED

Susan Esslinger adjourned the meeting

Respectfully submitted ,
Patty Curtes