

Kettle Moraine Garden Club General Membership Meeting
July 18, 2024
University Lake School, Fine Arts Building

Photography Chair Monica Tighe introduced Sarah Starrett (GTGC Photography Judge) who spoke on Leading Lines—How to Improve Your Compositions

President Susan Esslinger called the meeting to order at 2:05pm.

Treasurer's Report: Kari Pietsch-Wangard was absent and the report will be postponed until the August Membership Meeting.

Communications: Susan Blott (website) and Debbie Kaerek for Jamie Mallinger (newsletter). Please check out the KMGC website on both your computers and cell phones. Art en Fleurs information will be added to the KMGC Home Page for nonmembers. Newsletter articles due July 23.

Conservation: Julia Syburg. This month's challenge is reducing food waste. Next month's article will be about worm gardening and using worm castings for fertilizer. "Conservation on the Road" will be Friday, July 26 1-2pm at Retzer Nature Center and will focus on composting. Plans are in place for a movie night, September Book Club, and a tour of a geothermal and solar-powered home.

Horticulture: Julie Rolfs. Finding judges is currently the biggest challenge. Encouraged the membership to look in the GCA judge program. Need one more clerk for next month. Shirley Meneice is in September.

July Flower Show judged by Julia Syburg and Jackie Rehm

- A. Class 106-no winners
- B. Class 107—no winners
- C. Class 109 "Hot Dish" (Par)
 - 1st—Sue Blott
 - 2nd—Lara Ehram

Photography: Monica Tighe. The Photography field trip to Laurentian Farms went well. More entries are encouraged for next month.

Club Challenge was "In the Shadows"

- 1st—Monica Tighe
- 2nd—Kari Pietsch-Wangard
- 3rd—Monica Tighe
- 4th—Maureen Hill

Floral Design: Joanne Janzer. Next month's challenge is "Bounty of Summer's Harvest", a floral arrangement using vegetables, fruits, and flowers. Ideas will be sent in the newsletter. Six to eight arrangements are needed for the Summer Garden Party at Debbie's house. Contact Joanne.

Club Challenge was "Summer's Best"

- 1st—Becky Druml
- 2nd—Susan Esslinger
- 3rd—Lara Ehram

Programs: Jackie Rehm. Next month's meeting is at Stone Bank Farm Market on August 15th. Conservation speakers are set.

Scholarship: Lynn Shannon. The three scholarship winners sent thank you notes that will be published in the August newsletter.

Membership: Karen Gardner. We need new member nominations for next year. KMGC currently has 83 members. The membership nomination form is on the website.

Summer Garden Party: Debbie Kaerek. The party is this coming Tuesday, rain or shine. Parking directions will be sent out next Monday.

Visiting Gardens: Susan Esslinger for Elizabeth Meier. Catholic Ecology Center tour on August 13th at 3pm.

Art en Fleurs: Jan Ewald and Sue Blott. Encourage volunteers to sign up on SignUpGenius. Especially need help for set up on Sunday. RSVP to Debbie Kaerek for Seas the Night party. Shuttles from McKinley Marina. Encourage carpooling. The three educational speakers are secured. That information will soon be on the website.

Old Business: none

New Business: One of the employees of St. Teresa of Calcutta Parish, where the June meeting was held, gave KMGC a handful of starts from Sweet Autumn Clematis. Members encouraged to take one on their way out. The KMGC June newsletter was put on the GCA Zone XI landing page. Great job Jamie!

Prizes Awarded: Fun and Frivolous to Lara Ehram. "Celebrating 60 Years with GCA" to Lindsey Glasener.

A motion to adjourn was made by Karen Gosewehr, seconded by Linda Klimowitz. **Meeting adjourned at 2:29pm.**

Respectfully submitted by Kristin Hieb, KMGC Recording Secretary.