

Kettle Moraine Garden Club  
General Membership Meeting Minutes  
June 16, 2022, Julie Meier's Carriage House

The Business Meeting was called to order at 1:53 pm by Vice President Susan Esslinger.

### **Treasurer's Report – Kari Pietsch-Wangard**

KMGC Cash Balances as of 5/31/22 -

Operating Account: \$ 25,541.48  
Civic Account: \$ 51,150.53  
Money Mkt. Acct.: \$ 32,006.48  
Total Cash Balances: \$108,698.49

Karen Gosewehr moved to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented, Bette Massaro seconded.  
Motion passed.

### **Floral Design - Lyndsey Glasener and Jill Muehlmeier**

There were four entries and judges Elaine Burke and Judy Stark presented the results.

- June Floral Design Show: To design and create a living, 3 dimensional floral sculpture, 2-3 feet tall.  
1<sup>st</sup> Barb Farnham and Jill Muehlmeier, 2<sup>nd</sup> Lyndsey Glasener, 3<sup>rd</sup> Susan Esslinger
- There will not be a challenge for July. The Floral Design general meeting speaker will create one large piece and it will be raffled off to one of our members for \$5.00 per ticket. Proceeds will go to our garden party.

### **Horticulture and Visiting Gardens- Jackie Rehm**

June Flower Show: Judged by Sally Ruf and results presented by Andrea Pandazi Psaras

IIA Iris: Divided into two categories, Siberian and German – 1<sup>st</sup> Jackie Rehm (German),  
Susan Blott (Siberian), 2<sup>nd</sup> Lara Ehram (German), Lara Ehram (Siberian)

IIB Rose: 1<sup>st</sup> Jackie Rehm (Ground cover rose)

IIC Par: 1<sup>st</sup> Jackie Rehm (Meadow Rue); 2<sup>nd</sup> Susan Blott (Peony)

- We resubmitted a nomination for the Freeman Medal of the Aronia melanocarpa plant.
- The Horticulture Committee will be presenting an activity making grass caterpillars at Camp Whitcomb/Mason from 9:15 – 12:00 on July 28 and a sign-up sheet was circulated for those wishing to volunteer that day.
- Anyone wishing to display their gardens are encouraged to call Jackie Rehm or Deb Treis.

### **Photography – Maureen Hill**

- June Photography Show:  
IA Pastoral Style: 1<sup>st</sup> Julia Syburg; 2<sup>nd</sup> Susan Blott; 3<sup>rd</sup> Jannelle Peterson; HM Sonia Durkee  
IB Picturesque Style: 1<sup>st</sup> Margaret Hollister, 2<sup>nd</sup> Julia Syburg, 3<sup>rd</sup> Andrea Pandazi Psaras;  
HM Kari Pietsch-Wangard

- The photography challenge for the July general meeting will highlight Olmsted's design principle of subordination. Category A should demonstrate how a structure or decorative plantings enhance a park experience. Category B should demonstrate how a structure or decorative plantings distract from a park experience.

### **Garden History and Design – Mary Stippich**

Mary reviewed the Frederick Law Olmsted event, A Day in the Park, and noted 60 garden club members and guests attended. She encouraged members to read the newsletter and go to the GCA website for A Day in the Park article and photos. Mary noted that a profit of \$635 was made which will go into the club's operating budget. She expressed thanks to many members who assisted with the event including Pam Angst, Kari Pietsch-Wangard, Linda Klimowicz, Kathy Friend, Monica Tighe, Ann Burt, Debbie Treis, Judy Stark, Susan Esslinger, Maureen Hill, Connie Tjarksen, and Meg Schoenecker.

### **Summer Garden Party – Sherri Kasdorf**

The garden party will be held at Sherri's home at 5:30 pm July 14. It will be limited to members only and will include a buffet. The cost will be \$25.00 and members should provide their own beverages. Carpooling is strongly encouraged. Further details may be found in the newsletter.

### **Program – Kristin Hieb**

The July 21, 2022 general meeting will be held at the Trecker Lodge in Lapham Peak State Park. For those members who do not have a park pass, it will cost \$5.00 to park. There will be a Floral Design speaker. It was noted that a large grant was given to Lapham Peak State Park by our club and a tour of the lodge will be provided after our meeting.

### **Communications - Susan Blott**

The deadline for the July newsletter is June 23. Please email Sue your articles as an attachment in Word. Photos are always appreciated and should be sent as attachments as well.

### **Ways & Means - Kathy Friend**

Kathy encouraged members to refer to the Newsletter for details regarding visiting the Waukesha Food Pantry on June 21. To date, seven people have signed up to attend.

### **Conservation – Julie Meier**

- Julie noted that the Partners 4 Plants project in Hartland Marsh will continue to plant native species and eliminate invasive plants.
- Members are requested to support HR 1548 by emailing representatives to support this act, highlighted below:

#### **Introduced in House (03/03/2021)**

#### **Native Plant Species Pilot Program Act of 2021**

This bill establishes a pilot program for native plant species and a study on the cost-effectiveness of using native plant materials to carry out land management activities on federal lands.

The National Park Service (NPS) shall establish a pilot program in at least two NPS regions to promote the use of native plant materials.

The NPS shall conduct a study to determine the cost-effectiveness of using native plant materials in land management activities on federal lands under the jurisdiction of the NPS or other federal land management agencies.

**Art en Fleur – Maureen Hill, Jan Ewald, Kari Pietsch-Wangard, Susan Blott**

Maureen reviewed the program and organization of Art en Fleur for our members, noting it is considered a major flower show and involves the following garden clubs - Kettle Moraine, Town and Country, Green Tree, and Lake Geneva. Art en Fleur will be held September 9-11, 2024 at St. John's on the Lake in Milwaukee.

Kari presented the theme and logo created for the event – 'Cooler by the Lake'.

Members are encouraged to go to the GCA website and review Art en Fleur details. Susan reviewed the various committees and urged members to join committees of their choice. It was noted that this is an excellent opportunity to meet members of other garden clubs.

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Bette Massaro and seconded by Susan Blott.

Meeting adjourned at 2:55 pm

Respectfully submitted,  
Pam Angst (Recording Secretary)