

**KETTLE MORaine GARDEN CLUB GENERAL MEETING
AUGUST 17, 2023 HARTLAND COMMUNITY CENTER**

Speaker Caitlin McCabe gave a very interesting presentation on “Medicinal Gardening.

Horticulturist Ray Rogers discussed the importance of how specimens are presented. This will be covered in greater detail when he conducts a workshop at our meeting in April, 2024.

President Susan Esslinger called the meeting to order at 2:30 and asked for a motion to approve the minutes from July meeting. Motion to approve: Karen Gosewehr; seconded: Pam Angst

Minutes Approved.

Treasurer’s report: Kari Pietsch-Wangard GCA dues of over \$5,000 were paid resulting in higher expenses for the month. However, we are still ahead of budget for the year.

Operating account: \$32,517.86 Civic \$46,042.99 Money Market 31,824

Cash balance \$110,384.85 Difference from prior month -\$7294.46

Motion to approve treasurer’s report: Connie Tjarksen; seconded: Patty Brink.

Treasurer’s

Report Approved.

Communications: Susan Blott Deadline for September newsletter is August 23.

Horticulture: Lara Ehram announced winners for horticulture entries:

II A. Plant grown for foliage:

1st Lara Ehram (Hosta) Jackie Rehm (Fern); Sherri Kasdorf (Caladium);

2nd Sarah Spencer (Hosta); Jackie Rehm (Fern); Julia Syburg (Bergenia)

3rd Jackie Rehm (Hosta); Patty Galante (Fern); Lara Ehram (Pulmonaria); HM: Sherri Kasdorf

IIB Sunflower: 1st Sarah Spencer; 2nd Sarah Spencer

IIC Par 1st Janelle Peterson: (Hydrangea); 2nd Lara Ehram: (Lantana); Jackie Rehm: (Hydrangea) 3rd

Sherri Kasdorf (Mandevilla); Julia Syburg (Zinnia)

On September 14 there will be a field trip to Northwoods Perennial Farm and tour with Ray Diblik, recipient of GCA Medal of Honor. Carpooling can be arranged.

September 28 will be the planning session for next year at Lara’s house. Ray Rogers of Town and Country Garden Club has been scheduled for the next year’s April meeting to lead a workshop on preparing plants and cuts for Art en Fleurs.

Floral Design: Designs featured *Pot en Fleur*, a technique incorporating plants in soil.

Winners: 1st Patty Brink; 2nd Bette Massaro; 3rd Joanne Janzer

Photography Of 27 entries the winners were:

IIIA Butterflies: 1st Lara Ehram; 2nd Kari Pietsch-Wangard; 3rd Maureen Hill; HM: Margaret Hollister

IIIB Bees and Bugs: 1st Kari-Pietsch Wangard; 2nd Diana Markus 3rd Maureen Hill; HM: Janelle Peterson

Planning meeting for next year will be Sept. 26 at Margaret Hollister’s house.

Conservation: Linda Klimowicz Book discussion of the “Nature of Oaks” will be Sept. 24 at 10:00 at Linda’s house. Lake Country Clean Water Conference will be held at Oconomowoc Conference Center

September 26. Linda encourages all to find out the great things offered at Retzer Nature Center, especially for families. She has soil test packets for you to take to learn more about your soil.

Program: Janelle Peterson Next meeting will be September 21 at Stone Bank Farms.

Holly Berry: Lyndsey Glasener The traditional “Big Board” items will have a new twist this year. Instead being the sole bidder or purchaser of an event, you can be one of a group that “Signs Up” to purchase. Bids can be placed at September and October meetings . Many other items will be available for bid.

Scholarship: Jan Ewald From 12 good candidates, 2 winners have been chosen: Connor Tauk and Daphne Jacak, both of UW River Falls. Each will receive a \$1500 grant.

Strategic Planning: Patty Brink The committee met to review member surveys returned (30) and from there to assess, plan, implement and evaluate for the future to improve KMGC experience for members.

Old Business: Connie Tjarksen reminded us that committee will soon be contacting us to fill slots for next year.

New Business: Susan Esslinger Town & Country Garden Club fundraiser “Bourbon- Bar-b-que and Blooms” on September 7, and Tall Pines event coming up.

Motion to adjourn: Lara Ehrsam; seconded Diana Markus. **Meeting adjourned at 3:00.**

Submitted by Jan McKenna