

KMGC General Membership Meeting  
April 20, 2023  
Pewaukee Public Library

President Susan Esslinger called the meeting to order at 1:02pm with approximately 40 members in attendance.

**News** Susan Esslinger

Connie Tjarksen accepted the appointment as *Zone XI Communications Chair*. Please congratulate her!

Green Tree GC is having a Summer Blooms Luncheon fundraiser on Thursday, May 25 at 10:30am at Milwaukee Country Club in River Hills. \$75pp. Susan would like to get a KMGC table for at least 8 as Green Tree always supports KMGC fundraisers. Andrea Psaras will be in charge of RSVP and collecting money. More information to come.

KMGC lost two committed and passionate members, Claire Greene and Bernice Treis, this past year. Susan requested a moment of silence to honor them.

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

Operating Account \$32,351.79

Civic Account \$62,859.16

Money Market Account \$31,023.46.

Difference from prior month: \$7,271.40 (mainly from dues).

(See complete Treasurer's Report attached)

20 members still need to send their dues to Kari

KMGC currently has \$25,000+ to be used as seed money for the Zone Meeting that KMGC is hosting in 2027.

**Speakers—2024 Art en Fleurs Update** Kari Pietsch-Wangard and Susan Blott

The Art en Fleurs flag/logo 'Cooler by the Lake' is based off the Milwaukee flag.

Kari gave a history of Art en Fleurs. One of only seven GCA National Flower Shows was started in 1983 and has taken place in Milwaukee almost every three years since. Run by all four of Wisconsin's Garden Clubs initially with exhibits in Flower Design, Horticulture, and Conservation. Photography and Botanical Arts were added later.

The final schedule will be on the GCA website in September. New exhibits this year are Botanical Illustrations and Needle Arts and there will be guest speakers that will be open to the public.

**Directory—**Pam Angst

New directories are available. Please pick up to save on mailing costs.

**Photography—**Margaret Hollister

April Flower Show—Reflections: A photo showing a reflection

IA On water: 1st Margaret Hollister, 2nd Jannelle Peterson, 3rd Lara Ehram,  
HM Maureen Hill

IB In glass or other reflective surface: 1st Lara Ehram, 2nd Monica Tighe,  
3rd Maureen Hill

Future meetings—May 9 at 2pm at Monica Tighe’s house—Mike Crivello rep and macrophotography and September 26 at 2pm at Margaret Hollister’s house to go over challenges for next year.

Field trip planned to Laurentide Farm (Old Monches Farm) on Thursday, June 29 at 2pm. May need to be rescheduled.

**Floral Design**—Bette Massaro and Andrea Psaras

April Flower Show—Details in the Guest Bedroom

1st—Jill Muehlmeier and Jannelle Peterson

2nd—Jamie Mallinger and Cindy Johnson

3rd—Lara Ehram, Joanne Janzer, Barb Farnham, Bette Massaro

**Horticulture**—Lara Ehram

April Flower Show—

A1 Narcissus (standard yellow): 1st Jannelle Peterson, 2nd Susan Esslinger,  
3rd Susan Blott

A2 Narcissus (bicolor): 1st Sarah Spencer, 2nd Kristin Hieb, 3rd Susan Blott

B First Bloom of Spring: 1st Hellebores, Susan Esslinger, 2nd Hellebores, Jackie  
Rehm, 3rd Scilla, Lara Ehram

C Par: 1st Forsythia, Jackie Rehm

Horticulture workshop on May 5 at 1pm at Lara’s house on how to participate in and what to do for Flower Shows.

**Membership**—Mary Lou Findley

All seven new provisionals were introduced by one of their sponsors.

Jamie Mallinger by Julie Meier

Elizabeth Meier by Julie Meier

Becky Druml by Jill Muehlmeier

Julie Petri by Colleen Mortenson

Patty Galante by Shelley Kotovic

Sarah Spencer by Sally Ruff

Susan Esslinger asked some of the elected and appointed board members to give a quick summary of their positions. Helpful for the provisionals and newer members.

**Communications**—Susan Blott

Susan stated that Communications consists of 3 main components—the newsletter (9/year), updating the KMGC website, and correspondence.

The May newsletter deadline is April 23 for articles and photos.

**Spring Plant Sale**—Debbie Kaerek

Debbie stated that the Spring Plant sale funds go to our Civic account.

Spring Plant Sale is Tuesday, May 9 8am-5pm at Shady Lane Nursery

Must mention you’re with KMGC

KMGC makes 25% from every sale

**Holly Berry**—Jill Muehlmeier

Other cochairs are Lyndsey Glasener and Barb Farnham. *Andrea Psaras is chair for HB 2025.*

Holly Berry theme is A Woodland Christmas. New for Big Board this year, there will be “sign ups” for experiences. There will be approximately 10 spots for each experience so ten people can each buy one spot or one person can buy the whole experience. Jill would like members to offer experiences, talents, and passions for Big Board.

Jill asked the Provisionals to stay after the May general meeting to go over the Holly Berry raffle and what will be required.

**Conservation—Linda Klimowicz**

Linda reported on the NAL conference she went to in March which she followed by speaking to our Wisconsin representatives and legislators. More information will be in the May newsletter.

April is now Native Plant Month. Governor Evers signed this bill on March 6.

Julie Meier is working on Partners for Plants. In order to get this GCA funded grant, we need a partner, which is the Ice Age Trail Alliance (IATA). \$1500 needs to be spent by June 30th. KMGC may have to reevaluate if we can't get more help with IATA in eradicating buckthorn and other invasive species before we plant more natives along the trail this summer.

Conservation committee is looking for book recommendations related to Conservation.

A committee meeting will take place at Linda's house on June 2 at 10am—Conversations in Conservation.

**Programs—Jannelle Peterson**

The program cochair responsibilities: get venues, collect money for luncheons, set up and clean up at general meetings, accommodate any speaker needs, supply/bring name tags, coordinate programs with each committee.

Next general meeting is May 18 at Chenequa Country Club. Challenges in by 11am, lunch at noon, and business meeting at 1pm.

Jannelle is planting flowers (our donation for letting us use their venue) at Okauchee Lion's Club on May 12 at 1pm—contact her if you'd like to help.

For some “frivolous” fun, if members wore purple to the meeting their names were put in a hat. Patty Galante was the winner of a beautiful purple orchid.

Motion to adjourn was made by Lara Ehram, seconded by Bette Massaro. Meeting adjourned at 2:34pm.

Respectfully submitted by Kristin Hieb (Recording Secretary for April)  
Minutes corrected. Corrections in italics.

