

Kettle Moraine Garden Club General Meeting
April 18, 2024
Pewaukee Public Library

Horticulture Cochair Sarah Spencer introduced Ray Rogers, who gave a presentation on Entering Art en Fleurs Horticulture Classes

President Susan Esslinger called the meeting to order at 2:21pm. Motion to approve the October 19, 2023 minutes: Mary Lou Findley, seconded Julia Syburg. Minutes approved.

Treasurer's Report: Kari Pietsch-Wangard

Operating Account: \$40,831.32 Civic Account: \$86,464.46 CD: \$15,000
Money Market Account: \$18,710.98 Cash Balance 3/31/2024: \$161,006.76

Motion to approve: Mary Korkor, seconded Connie Tjarksen. Treasurer's Report approved.

Communications: Jamie Mallinger. April 23 is the newsletter deadline.

Website: Sue Blott. The website is up-to-date. Three photos are needed for the directory. Suzy Borland, Ann Burt, and Colleen Lowry.

Membership: Julie Petri. Seven new Provisionals were introduced! Jack Bothwell, Amy Bruss, Paddy Kieckhefer, Pat Kraft, Bonnie Siegel, Sally Siepmann, Amy Wolf

Horticulture: Sarah Spencer. May challenges are native species. A good resource for natives is the UW ext. website.

April Flower Show (judged by Ray Rodgers and Mary Lou Findley)

A. Classes 82-88 "Fried Pickles on a Stick"

1. Kris Hieb
1. Julia Syburg
1. Susan Esslinger
3. Julia Syburg

B. Classes 61-69 "Dunes and Beaches"

1. Susan Esslinger
1. Kristin Hieb
2. Julia Syburg
2. Susan Blott

C. Class 108 "Hot Dish" (Par)

1. Kris Hieb
 1. Sally Ruf
 2. Kris Hieb
 2. Cindy Johnson
- HM Julie Meier

Floral Design: Joanne Janzer. May challenge—Let the Celebration Begin. A bouquet of flowers to be used as centerpieces for the Spring luncheon. No taller than 12". Encouraged more entries for Art en Fleurs. 2 classes are closed, 4 are still open. A Floral Design 101 workshop will take place June 4 (1/2 day with lunch) at CCC. Will send an email.

April Flower Show—First Signs of Spring—Miniature arrangement using a teacup and saucer.

1. Monica Tighe
2. Susan Esslinger
3. Cindy Johnson

Photography: Monica Tighe. The new co-chair is Meg Schoenecker. Next month challenge is Pareidolia. An image of a living plant that takes on the appearance of human characteristics.

There will be a Flat Lay Still Life photography workshop on May 21 at 10am at Kari's house.

April Flower Show—Garden Whimsy. An image of a whimsical garden object features as a focal point of the garden.

A. Black and White

1. Kari Pietsch-Wangard
2. Monica Tighe

B. Color

1. Maureen Hill
2. Kari Pietsch-Wangard
3. Monica Tighe

Conservation: Julia Syburg went to the NAL conference in Washington DC. Along with two other garden club members from WI they presented information to support bipartisan bills to Senators Glenn Grothman, Scott Fitzgerald, and Ron Johnson. They focused on four things. 1. The Farm Bill—funding to help farmers adapt for more sustainable farming. 2. Recovering America's Wildlife Act—prioritizing efforts for threatened and endangered species, both plants and animals. 3. Native Plant Month to be launched nationally which would help GCA and others highlight native plants. 4. PFAS Action Act—to establish a safe limit on drinking water standards and accelerate clean up of PFAS sites.

First Conservation meeting is Thursday, May 23 at 10am at Hartland Public Library.

Encouraged members to read their GCA Bulletin especially the following two articles. The USDA Hardiness Zone Map: New Data for 2023 (page 15) and Textile Waste Plastic Rain (page 16).

Programs: Diana Markus. Spring luncheon/meeting at CCC on May 16 at noon. \$40 to attend. Checks should be made to KMGC and sent to Jackie Rehm by May 2.

Ways and Means: Ann Frigo. Civic grant application deadline is May 1, 2024.

Strategic Planning: Connie Tjarksen. Working on five goals over the next two years. The new by-laws are on the website. Working on job descriptions with current co-chairs. Encouraged members to update their profile WITH photos on the GCA website.

Scholarships: Lynn Shannon. (2) \$1500 scholarships are given. Applications are due April 30th. All information is on KMGC website.

Art en Fleurs: Maureen Hill. For Art en Fleurs, each division has ONLY online registration (except Horticulture). Need to go to GCA website, then September 2024 under Flower Shows, click on Cooler by the Lake logo to register. The deadline is June 1 on everything except Horticulture. It is important that we fill ALL divisions and entries in order to keep our Major Flower Show status. KMGC is the host club with 4 co-chairs, Maureen Hill, Sue Blott, Jan Ewald, Kari Pietsch-Wangard. Two people can collaborate on Floral Design and Botanical Arts. For Photography entries, a photo needs to be submitted at registration. There will be a Botanical Arts workshop on April 30th. The Art en Fleurs schedule can be found on both the GCA and KMGC websites.

Summer Party: Debbie Kaerek. Summer party is July 23rd at Debbie's house. RSVP with \$15 check to Debbie by July 1.

Visiting Gardens: Cindy Johnson. Think about your neighbor's garden too.

Directory: Pam Angst. The directory is finished and read. Thank you Mary Lou for all the typewritten updates. The Provisional membership has NOT been eliminated. Changes to the directory are included with each copy. Sherri Kasdorf has resigned.

Old Business: Susan Esslinger. There were 38 votes from KMGC for the GCA Founders Fund Award. Jan Ewald collected the votes and our majority goes to Green Space Becomes Caring Space.

New Business: Green Tree Garden Club fundraiser, Summer Bloom luncheon is May 21st at 10am at the Milwaukee Yacht Club. Susan would like to get a KMGC table to go. \$80 checks made out of GTGC and sent to Pam Angst.

Fun and Frivolous Challenge Winners—

Voters for Founders Fund—Kris Hieb (Gardens—A GCA Book)

60 Years of GCA award for all members at April meeting—Sally Ruf (diamond tiara) :)

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Kathy Friend, seconded by Kari Pietsch-Wangard. Meeting adjourned at 3:11pm.

Respectfully submitted by Kristin Hieb, KMGC Recording Secretary.