

Kettle Moraine Garden Club Awards Ceremony and Annual Meeting
October 17, 2024
Chenequa Country Club

Deanne Olson, Awards Chair, and Susan Esslinger presented the Awards for 2024.

Caroline Fleager Award	Becky Druml
Mary White Rix Award	Deanne Olsen
Floral Design Trophy	Susan Esslinger
Horticulture Trophy	Lara Ehram
Photography Trophy	Kari Pietsch-Wangard
Appreciation Award	Susan Blott
	Jan Ewald
	Maureen Hill
	Kari Pietsch-Wangard
Gratitude Award	Jamie Mallinger
Recognition Award	Sarah Spencer
Strength of Purpose Award	Judy Stark
GCA Service Awards	Sonja Durkee 25 years
	Mary Pat Dalum 25 years
	Mary Rickmeier 25 years
	Marie Spence 30 years
	Kathe Biersach 35 years

President Susan Esslinger called the meeting to order at 1:30pm. She asked for a moment of silence to honor those no longer with us.

Communications: Sue Blott and Jamie Mallinger. Jamie is working on a new design for the newsletter next year. There will be Art en Fleur information in the November newsletter. All articles and photos due October 23rd or earlier.

Treasurer's Report: Kari Pietsch-Wangard.

Operating: \$33,094.46 Civic: \$41,563.32 CD: \$15,390.31 Money Market \$18,820.41
Cash Balance 9/30/24 \$108,868.50 (-\$394.94 from prior month)

Cash Balance 12/31/23 \$153,797.60 Year-to-date difference \$-44,929.10 (negative balance due to proceeds from Holly Berry last year and Holly Berry still coming up this year)

Money Market and CD Breakdown for Zone meeting 2027
Funds Available (non-designated) \$30,405.72 + Lady Bug (Judge) Memorials \$3,805.00
Total \$34,210.72

Currently \$6300+ ahead of budget.

Motion to approve the 9/30/24 Treasurer's Report made by Julie Meier, seconded by Karen Gosewehr. **Motion approved.**

The "Magnificent 7" Provisionals of 2024 were reintroduced and nominated to become full active members.

Jack Bothwell	Pat Kraft
Bonnie Siegel	Amy Bruss
Sallie Siepmann	Amy Wolf
Paddy Kieckhefer	

A motion to nominate the 2024 provisionals to become full active members was made by Susan Esslinger, seconded by Judy Hansen. **Motion approved.**

Nominating: Connie Tjarksen and Meg Schoenecker. The 2025 Slate for the Elected Officers, Committee Chairs and Chairs-elect have been finalized.

President: Pam Angst

Vice President: Susan Blott

Recording Secretary: Kris Hieb

Communications: Jamie Mallinger and Anne Frigo

Treasurer: Kari Pietsch-Wangard

Conservation Chair: Becky Druml Chair Elect: Jack Bothwell

Horticulture Chair: Sarah Spencer Chair Elect: Sallie Siepmann

Floral Design Chair: Lara Ehram Chair Elect: Amy Wolf

Photography Chair: Meg Schoenecker Chair Elect: Amy Bruss

Program Chair: Diana Markus Chair Elect: Karen Gardner

Ways and Means Chair: Maureen Hill Chair Elect: Paddy Kieckhefer

Past President: Susan Esslinger

Awards: Deanne Olsen

Bulletin: Kathy Friend

Garden History and Design Chair: Mary Stippich Chair Elect: Pat Kraft

Historian: Linda Klimowicz

Holly Berry Co-Chairs: None Committee Driven with Executive Committee Oversight

Membership Chair: Julie Petri Chair Elect: Susan Esslinger

Nominating Chair: Susan Esslinger

Scholarships: Lynn Shannon

Spring Plant Sale: Jackie Rehm

Strategic Planning Committee: Connie Tjarksen

Summer Garden Party: Anne Seidel

Visiting Gardens: Elizabeth Meier and Bonnie Siegel

A motion was made to accept the 2025 slate and to accept the elected officers was made by Susan Esslinger and seconded by Kathy Friend. **Motion accepted.**

Holly Berry: Pam Angst. The invitations are ready to send out. Please grab friends' and neighbors' invitations to save on postage. Please us sign up to volunteer on sign up sheets and sign up genius. Jill Muehlmeier will be doing greenery/floral arrangements for HB. Meeting at her house Friday, November 29 at 9am, Saturday, November 30 at 9am and maybe Sunday, December 1. Will be assembling wreaths and vessels for HB. RSVP to Jill.

Conservation: Becky Druml. Next Thursday, October 24 1-3 Book Review on Braiding Sweetgrass at Birch and Banyan. RSVP to Julia Syburg.

Floral Design: Joanne Janzer. Meeting next Monday at 1pm at Lara Ehram's house. Will work on what to do with sleighs for Holly Berry.

Photography: Monica Tighe. Please pick up photography images from Monica.

Visiting Gardens: Cindy Johnson. Tour of Kathy Friends prairie garden/farm overlooking Holy Hill tomorrow, October 18 2-4pm.

Transfer of the Presidency. Susan acknowledged and congratulated all members and their committees for all their hard work this past year. Pam Angst accepted the Presidency for 2025/26 and congratulated the newest actives.

Old Business: KMGC bags are still available to buy for \$25.

New Business: None

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Jan Ewald, seconded by Jackie Rehm. Meeting adjourned at 2:06pm.