

**Kettle Moraine Garden Club General Meeting
August 21, 2025
Stone Bank Market**

Conservation Cochair Becky Druml introduced Peggy & Ed Callahan, owners of Dream Apple Farm, who gave a presentation on the history of their organic apple farm in Port Washington. They shared about the development of the soil, how the apple varieties are chosen and grown, the rewards and challenges and more.

President Pam Angst called the meeting to order at 2:15. KMGC bags are for sale along with a gift book. Motion to approve July Minutes made by Cindy Johnson, seconded by _____ Pam passed the Holly Berry non-member guest list for editing.

Photography: Meg Schoenecker. The Photo Safari at Stone Bank Flower Market is August 26 at 3pm. The Dahlias will be in bloom and there are walking paths in the wild prairie. Cutting bouquets are available for sale. Light refreshments will be served. Meg suggested taking photos for the September Challenge-Decay. 16 Travel Photo were entered this month.

August Flower Show- Travel Photos (judged by Lisa Melamed)

1. Sonja Durkee
 2. Kari Pietsch-Wangard
 3. Sarah Spencer
- HM: Linda Klimowicz

Horticulture: Sarah Spencer. The Club Challenge (Marigold plant) will be added to the September Challenges.

August Flower Show (Judged by Sally Ruf and Susan Esslinger)

- A. Native
 - Native Ironweed
 - 1. Jack Bothwell
 - Asclepias Tuberosa
 - 2. Sallie Siepmann
 - 3. Lara Ehram
- B. Zinnia:
 - 1. Sallie Siepmann
 - 2. Lara Ehram
 - 3. Lara Ehram
- C. Par
 - Coleus:
 - 1. Lara Ehram
 - Gladiolus:
 - 1. Kathe Biersach
 - Heliopsis:
 - 1. Sarah Spencer

Floral Design: Lara Ehram. September Challenge is Horizontal Design. See the newsletter for details.

August Flower Show- Mass Design (judged by Cato Schley and Sonja Durkee)

1. Susan Esslinger
2. Lara Ehram
3. Barb Farnham & Amy Bruss

Treasurer's Report: Kari Pietsch-Wangard

Operating: \$50,386.55 Civic: \$42,058.70 CD: \$15,944.00 Money Market: \$12,181.19

Cash Balance 7/31/25 \$120,570.44 Difference from 6/30/25 \$117.14

The biggest expense this month was \$247.73 from Programs. Total expenses were \$361.45. Currently \$13,567.87 under budget but the annual GCA bill has not yet been paid. All willow hoops have been sold for a profit of \$1976.47. Karen Gardner made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented, seconded by Diana Markus. Motion accepted.

Communications: Jamie Mallinger and Anne Frigo. The website is up-to-date. The summer garden party photos on the website were fabulous. Newsletter articles due August 23rd.

Membership: Susan Esslinger. No new proposals as of yet. Deadline for new member recommendations is 10/1/25.

Conservation: Becky Druml. A canning class taught by Annie Wegner LeFort will be held on September 22nd, 8-10:30am at Becky's home. The cost is \$55 and includes all you'll need. If more than 6-7 sign up, it will be a demonstration rather than a hands-on class. Annie will also offer a forest bathing class. Contact Becky for more information.

Book Club: The Mighty Red by Louise Erdich. Discussion will take place October 7 at 10:30am at Birch & Banyan in Hartland.

Programs: Diana Markus. September meeting will be at the Oconomowoc Library. Melissa Harwick of At Home Organics will be the guest speaker: "Deep Dive into Dahlias"

Holly Berry: Pam Angst. There is a HB meeting after the Board meeting in September at the North Lake Library. Karen Gardner and Karen Sonderman thank you for your generous response to How Do Your Gardens Grow HB donations. An 8-foot Christmas tree was donated, who would like to be in charge of decorating it? Please contact Pam Angst or Sue Blott.

Ways and Means: Paddy Kieckhefer. No Report.

Awards: Deanne Olson and Susan Esslinger. Recommendation for Kettle Moraine Club Awards- **The Grace Friend Award:** *Profound Gratitude for Dedication to the KMGC Mission* (combines the "Dedication Above & Beyond" & "Keeping Us on Track") **The Sally Manegold Award:** *Profound Appreciation and Support of KMGC* (combines "Persistence and Determination" & "First to Volunteer") Deanne Olson, Awards Chair has determined an appropriate award to be used (\$220) for each. The past recipients of the four individual awards will have their names added to the combined awards.

Nominating: Susan Esslinger. Thank you to everyone she slated for positions for next year. All have said yes except for one person who is interested and will reply to Susan shortly.

Visiting Gardens: Elizabeth Meier. Please let us visit your garden before the end of September! We will take care of making all the arrangements and will provide refreshments.

Old Business: none

New Business: none

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 2:45, made by Jamie Mallinger and seconded by Julia Syburg.

Respectfully submitted by Elizabeth Meier, Visiting Gardens Chair

