

Kettle Moraine Garden Club General Membership Meeting
August 15, 2024
Stone Bank Farm Market

Conservation Chair Sarah Spencer introduced Michelle Relford from Stone Bank Farm Market who spoke on the workings and mission of Stone Bank Farm.

President Susan Esslinger called the meeting to order at 2:16pm after the Flower Show awards were announced.

Introduction of Guests: Paddy Kieckhefer introduced her guest and Suzy Borland was welcomed back.

Treasurer's Report: Kari Pietsch-Wangard.

Operating: \$38,551.79 Civic: \$42,411.07 CD: \$15,275.67 Money Market: \$18,815.66
Cash Balance 7/31/24 \$115,054.19 (-\$6,163.36 difference from prior month)

All income and no expenses this month. Plant Sale brought in \$1,969.26. CD interest income is \$275.67 since purchased in April. The large cash balance difference due to silent auction expenses and (3) \$1500 scholarships were given out.

Communications: Sue Blott (website) and Jamie Mallinger (newsletter). The website is up-to-date and Art en Fleur information, including speakers and parking, is on the KMGC Home Page which is available to the public. Newsletter articles due August 23rd.

Conservation: Becky Druml. On Thursday, October 10 at 10am there will be a tour of a geothermal home, limited to 30 members. Book Club will be Thursday, October 24 from 1-3pm at Birch & Banyan, discussing Braiding Sweetgrass. A movie matinee will be held on Monday, October 28th from 1-3pm at Julie Syburg's home, featuring the documentary, Biggest Little Farm. All are welcome.

Horticulture: Julie Rolfs. Next month challenge Classes 1-9 "Summer Visitors", Classes 10-21 "Local Residents", Class 108 "Hot Dish" (Par)

August Flower Show—

- A. Class 109, Club Challenge (Nicotiana plants)
 - 1st—Jackie Rehm
 - 2nd—Monica Tighe
- B. Class 50-51 "Picnic in the Park" (vegetables)
 - 1st—Lara Ehram
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 - 1st—Sue Blott
 - 2nd—Sue Blott
- C. Class 108 "Hot Dish" (Par)
 - 1st—Lara Ehram
 - 1st—Joanne Janzer
 - 2nd—Joanne Janzer

Floral Design: Joanne Janzer. Next month challenge is "The Sky is the Limit". A mass design floral arrangement.

August Club Challenge was “Bounty of Summer Harvest” judged by Judy Stark and Elaine Burke.

- 1st—Kari Pietsch-Wangard
- 2nd—Becky Druml
- 3rd—Joanne Janzer

Photography: Monica Tighe. Next months challenge is “The Beauty of Decay”.

August Club Challenge was Leading Lines: Queue Up!

- 1st—Kari Pietsch-Wangard
- 2nd—Maureen Hill
- 3rd—Lara Ehram
- HM—Kari Pietsch-Wangard
- HM—Maureen Hill
- HM—Lara Ehram

Programs: Jackie Rehm. Next meeting on September 19 at Oconomowoc Public Library with Zannah Crowe speaking on Four Seasons Gardening. The October 17th luncheon is at CCC. \$40 pp. Please send money to Jackie by October 3rd.

Awards: Deanne Olson. Please give all traveling trophies to Deanne for October meeting.

Holly Berry: Pam Angst. A new warehouse is needed for HB items and must be able to accept deliveries. A committee will get together to discuss the future of HB in the near future. Let Susan or Pam know if you’re interested. Leslie Barkow passed around the Invitations List for additions/deletions/changes.

Job Descriptions: Susan Esslinger for Kathy Friend. Kathy and Connie Tjarksen are finishing up the job descriptions and the exact responsibilities.

Visiting Gardens: Cindy Johnson. Enjoyed the field trip tour of Catholic Ecology Center yesterday.

Art en Fleurs: Sue Blott, Jan Ewald, and Kari Pietsch-Wangard. 24 days until Art en F! Encouraged everyone to stay involved. The sign up genius still has spots available. Need help with staging and prepassing. Susan is heading up the cleaning of equipment needed for Art en F at a barn in River Hills. There will be a cleaning day on August 21st and painting day on August 23rd from 9:30-12:30. Susan will send an email with the sign up genius tab. The full schedule is on the website. Encourage friends to come. It’s free! The Tuesday evening party on September 10th needs RSVP by August 20th.

Fun and Frivolous awarded to Paddy Kieckhefer.

Diamond Jubilee Crowning given to Mary Lou Findley.

Old Business: none

New Business: none

A motion to adjourn was made by Julie Pietri, seconded by Patty Brink. **Meeting adjourned at 2:45pm.**

Respectfully submitted by Kristin Hieb, KMGC Recording Secretary.

