

KETTLE MORAINÉ GARDEN CLUB GENERAL MEETING

May 16, 2027 Chenequa Country Club

President Susan Esslinger called the meeting to order at 1:25 PM.

Floral Design: Joanne Janzer. "Favorite Flowers of May" centerpieces
First: Susan Esslinger; second: Lara Ehram; third: Joanne Janzer

Horticulture: Sarah Spencer. Class 57: "Woodland Plants" First: Julia Syburg; second: Julia Syburg and Lara Ehram; third Sarah Spencer.

Par: First: Lara Ehram and Kathe Biersach; second: Cindy Johnson and Kathe Biersach.

Photography: Monica Tighe. "Pareidolia: What Do You See?" First: Kari Pietsch-Wangard; second: Kari Pietsch-Wangard; third: Maureen Hill; Honorable mention: Julia Syburg.

Directories: Pam Angst. Please pick yours up if you have not done so.

Communications: Jamie Mallinger. Newsletter deadline is May 23.

Treasurer's Report: Kari Pietsch-Wangard. Operating: \$40,520.46; Civic: \$86,592.36; CD: \$15,108.94; Money Market: \$18,812.52; Cash Balance 4/30/2024: \$161,034 (\$27.52 from previous month) Motion to approve: Karen Gosewehr; seconded Mary Lou Findley; Approved

Conservation: Julia Syburg. GCA is celebrating 100 years of conservation advocacy. Theme for the year will be "What Can I Do?" We can begin by using recyclable shopping bags and you may take one home today. The first meeting of the year will be Thursday, May 23 at Hartland Library.

Art en Fleurs: Sarah Spencer. The individual club challenge is to cultivate a *Nicotiana* plant in a maximum 10" pot. Each club can submit ten entries which will be selected in August from our club. Please take one home with you. There will also be an entire club challenge which needs to be started very soon. Susan Esslinger will head this up, so please contact her if you are interested in being part of it. The New Member Challenge based on theme of water is open to those who have joined clubs since 2019. Please contact Sarah to participate in this.

Photography: Meg Schoenecker has been nominated to be chair-elect. Motion to approve Meg in this position by Lara Ehram; seconded Linda Klimowicz. **Motion approved.**

Program: Jackie Rehm. Our next general meeting will be June 20 at St. Teresa of Calcutta Parish featuring a presentation on floral Design by Sarah Murphy, Greentree Garden Club and Chace Wolff, Lake Geneva Garden Club.

Membership: Karen Gardner. Welcome to seven Provisionals.

Ways and Means: Anne Frigo. The Board has recommended the following donations:

Food Pantry serving Waukesha County \$3000; **Friends of Boerner Botanical Gardens** \$5000; **Tall Pines Conservancy** \$2427; **Retzer Environmental Center** \$4000; **Summer Stage of Delafield** \$3000; **Old World Wisconsin** \$2700; **University Lake School** \$6000; **Boys and Girls Club of GM** \$3000; **Notre Dame School of Milwaukee** \$5000. One proposal is still outstanding. Total thus far \$34,127. Motion to approve grants Kathy Friend; seconded Julie Meier. **Motion Approved.**

Scholarship: Lynn Shannon. Nine applications have been received and because of the quality of the applicants, the board approved a third scholarship of \$1500. Winners will be selected and announced in June.

Spring Plant Sale: Judy Hansen. Thanks to all who purchased plants at Shady Lane Nursery. Due to inclement weather, it has been extended until end of May, so stop in and get some plants.

Garden Party: Susan for Debbie Kaerek. Date is July 23. See Susan if you did not receive your invitation.

Visiting Gardens: Cindy Johnson. The first will be at the home of our new Provisional member Jack Bothwell on June 26, then a tour of The Catholic Ecology Center at a later date. Please see the Bulletin for details on both of these gardens.

Art en Fleurs: Kari Pietsch-Wangard. Deadline for plant ownership is June 1. Pre-registration is not required for cuttings but suggested. There are openings in the following classes: Floral Design # 6, 7, and 8; Botanical arts # 1, 2, 3, and 4; Photography - # 3, 5 and 7; Botanical Illustration- natives using colored pencil. A certain number of entries are required in order to maintain our GCA major show status. Please see the AEF schedule and think about signing up for one of the classes. All members should plan on participating in some way by entering or volunteering. Sign-Up Genius will be open in June. All volunteers will be required to wear AEF aprons which can be purchased for \$15.

Prizes Awarded by Susan Esslinger for Tea in garden won by Elizabeth Meier; and Royalty in honor of KMGC's 60th Anniversary crown won by Judy Hansen.

New Business: KMGC tote bags available for \$25.

Motion to adjourn: Mary Korkor; seconded by Judy Hansen. **Meeting adjourned at 2:30 PM.**

Submitted by Jan McKenna

