

Kettle Moraine Garden Club General Meeting
July 17, 2025
Hartland Community Center

Photography Cochair Meg Schoenecker introduced speaker Eddee Daniel, Photographer/Retired Teacher, who gave a presentation on A Wealth of Nature: Parks and Natural Areas of Southeastern Wisconsin.

President Pam Angst called the meeting to order at 2:15pm. A group picture was taken for the upcoming Zone meeting. Becky Druml introduced her guest. Reminder that KMGC bags with one India Hicks book are for sale for \$25. Motion to approve the June 19, 2025 minutes by Susan Esslinger, seconded by Karen Gosewehr. **Minutes approved.**

Treasurer's Report: Kari Pietsch-Wangard.

Operating: \$49,798.00 **Civic:** \$42,582.46 **CD:** \$15,892.69 **Money Market:** \$12,180.15
Cash Balance 6/30/25 \$120,453.30 **Difference from 5/31/25** \$-35,018.15

Income was \$2500 from Plant Sale. All grants and scholarships were paid this past month accounting for the negative difference from 5/31/25. There were a few bundles of willow hoops remaining which were sold at the meeting. All profits will go to the 2027 Zone meeting fund. Mary Lou Findley made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented, seconded by Jamie Mallinger. **Motion accepted.**

Communications: Jamie Mallinger and Anne Frigo. Jamie will remove the hoops sale from the website. Encouraged members to send a photo of how they are using their hoops in their gardens which will be put on the website. Articles are due on July 23rd.

Membership: Susan Esslinger. New member proposals need to be in by November 1. Currently 91 members. Possibility for 9 new members.

Conservation: Becky Druml. No report.

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

July Flower Show (judged by Mary Lou Findley and Kris Hieb)

A. Native Echinacea

1. Sallie Siepmann

B. Cultivar Echinacea

1. Sallie Siepmann

2. Kris Hieb

C. Par

1. Mary Lou Findley

1. Kris Hieb

2. Sallie Siepmann

Floral Design: Lara Ehram. Next month's challenge is Modern Mass Design. There will be a workshop on July 31st at Pat Kraft's barn working on playing with color, leaf manipulation and sustainable design.

July Flower Show—Interpretive Design (judged by Arabella Dane, GTGC)

1. Susan Esslinger
2. Amy Bruss
3. Lara Ehram
4. Cindy Johnson
5. Joanne Janzer

Photography: Meg Schoenecker. Travel Photo is the August Challenge. Please include where the photo was taken. Photo Safari at Stone Bank Flower Market on August 26th at 3pm. Refreshments will be served and the Dahlias will be in bloom. Suggesting attendees of the Photo Safari print one or two photos and bring to the August general meeting.

July Flower Show—COLOR Me Purple (judged by Sarah Starrett, GTGC)

1. Sallie Siepmann
 2. Kari Pietsch-Wangard
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- HM. Meg Schoenecker
HM. Lara Ehram

Summer Garden Party: Anne Seidel. Thursday July 24th at 5:30pm at Anne's house. Rain or shine. Bring an umbrella. RSVP to Anne ASAP.

Programs: Diana Markus. August meeting at Stone Bank Farm Market Barn on August 21. Conservation Committee is hosting the speaker.

Holly Berry: Pam Angst. Next meeting is August 18 after the Board meeting. A member is needed to create bid sheets. Please bring any unwanted containers and/or holiday decor to meetings for Greenery.

Ways and Means: Paddy Kieckhefer. Checks were sent to all the approved grant applicants.

Bulletin: Pam Angst for Kathy Friend. See the most recent bulletin for an article highlighting Lyndsey Glasener's 'Whimsy Way Garden'.

Nominating: Susan Esslinger. Susan is meeting with each provisional to find out their interests for future committees. All members should fill out the nomination form found on the KMGC website and send to Susan.

Scholarships: Pam Angst for Lynn Shannon. All four scholarship recipients have been notified and checks were sent directly to their school's Financial Aid offices.

Visiting Gardens: Elizabeth Meier and Bonnie Siegel. Visit to Jack Bothwell's garden on July 22 from 1-3pm. A field trip to Zachariah's Acres on August 14 at 10am includes a hayride to see the campus. All details will be in the newsletter.

Old Business: none.

New Business: none.

A motion to adjourn the meeting made by Sarah Spencer, seconded by Diana Markus. **Meeting adjourned at 2:45pm.**

Respectfully submitted by Kris Hieb, KMGC Recording Secretary.