

St. Charles County Master Gardeners

General Monthly Meeting Minutes

September 26, 2024

If you have any questions, comments or corrections before these minutes are approved, please contact your MG secretary, Catherine Ebone, at catherine.ebone@gmail.com.

Amy Templer spoke on Stormwater Mitigation: Controlling Erosion and Sedimentation Through Post Construction at Residential Sites.

Call to Order: Joe Walker called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Extension MG Program Coordinator: Eli Eisle—Eli will be needing facilitators for in-person core training class in January.

Secretary's Report: Catherine Ebone—A motion was made and approved to accept the Aug. 22 minutes as published in the newsletter.

Treasurer's Report: Rebecca Poon—A motion was made and approved to accept the treasurer's report as submitted.

Membership Committee: Kevin Lynch—Kevin is now the direct contact person for questions on membership and the recording hours. Membership badges were handed out for new MGs in attendance.

CE/AT: Bonnie Winkeler—The committee is defining what counts as CE. They are also working on an AT form to be filed out prior to the class.

Education Committee: Patti Kolek—In the Garden classes will be held 9-12 am in January, February and April. They will cost \$20 per class.

Peggy Hammond and Dawn Tucker are planning a Family Scavenger Hunt in the spring. Anyone who would like to help should contact them.

Upcoming Speakers: Val Mertz--

Oct.24-- A possible topic is Genetic Diversity in Corn.

Plant Sale: Donna Lindsey—On Oct. 9 everything will be removed from the greenhouse to allow screening and landscape cloth to be put down. On Oct. 16, everything will be washed and bleached prior to its return to the greenhouse.

Dig and Divide will continue on Wednesdays and Saturdays.

Demo Gardens: Cindy Platzer—A leads meeting was held in which demo garden procedures were passed.

The demo garden accepted the kiosk back from the Extension. It will be installed in the enabling garden.

Rebecca Davis has agreed to be co-lead.

The bridge in the native garden will be rebuilt.

Mary Fuller demonstrated the bulb cages that have been built to deter pests.

The herb garden brick walls are falling down and plans are being made to design a replacement system. Jim Merritt is working on plans. It will be a major project. Depending on funding, three beds are planned for this year and three next year.

The garden won 12 ribbons at the flower show.

Hortline: Patti Kolek—In-office presence of Hotline end second week of October

Old Business: Registration for the State MOMGA convention is closed.

New Business:

Paul Hendrix Award: Nominations for the Paul Hendrix award are open now through Oct.30. Final selection is made by previous winners and is based on leadership, service, and educational outreach. Nominations can be sent to Valerie Mertz. The winner will be announced at the January meeting.

Steering Committee Officers: Applicants are being sought for the offices of President and Secretary for the 2025-2026 term. Both positions are voting positions. If interested please contact Joe Walker.

Kevin Menard had garlic bulbs for sale.

Joe Walker thanked everyone who helped with Marsha's Celebration of Life.

The Oct. 24 meeting will be the final general meeting of the year.

The next steering committee will be held November 8th.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 pm.