

St. Charles Master Gardeners

Monthly Meeting Minutes

22-August-2023

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.

Amanda Templer spoke on Trees in the Urban Environment—an overview of how trees in our urban forest can mitigate stormwater and runoff. She also listed 10 of the best native shade trees for the area. Amy is one of our Master Gardeners.

Call to Order: Joe Walker called the meeting to order at 7:50.

Secretary's Report: Catherine Ebone—The minutes for July 27, 2023, were approved as written.

Treasurer's Report: Rebecca Poon—The treasurer's report for July was given. Total funds in savings and checking were reported. There was no income for the month. Expenses were given. A motion was made and seconded to set aside money for a reserve fund.

MU Horticulturist/ Coordinator: Eli Isele—Eli announced that an in person Level 1 class is being planned for 2024. He stated that one speaker has already been secured.

Membership: Sydney Turner. Waneta Parmenter—Updated guidelines are on the MG website.

Advanced Training: Bonnie Winkler—It was recommended that MGs check with Bonnie for AT status before signing up for classes.

Plant Sale: Marsha Brown, Catherine Ebone—Marsha reported that seeds are being purchased, the Hummert order has been placed and dates for the plant sale and seeding parties have been set.

Greenhouse: Laura Steimel, Nancy Torke—Laura said to watch the Monday Morning News for dates for cleaning greenhouse.

Education: Patti Kolek—The Education Committee is working on winter garden classes. Dates are Jan. 27; Feb.24 and March 23. Teachers have been lined up. Someone is still needed to work with Joe Walker on tool maintenance. Classes will be \$20 and will be open to the public first.

Advertising brochures for the Speaker's bureau are being mailed to community groups.

Farmers Market: Patti Kolek—MGs will be at St. Charles Farmer's Market Sept. 16.

Hortline: Patti Kolek—Patti reported 267 calls to the Hortline with questions all over the the place.

Demo Garden: Cindy Platzer—The peppers class will be Sept. 6 at 10 am. Leads meeting will be Sept 10 at 9 am. From the Garden Up group has discovered lots of sand where the chocolate garden is planned.

Garden tours are on our calendar. Turf grass renovation is underway. Please stay off the roped area. They are seeding and fertilizing. There will be an Eat What You Grow demonstration in October.

Upcoming Speakers: Val Mertz—The next meeting will be a field trip to Maryland Heights Greenhouse Garden and Sustainability Center.

The Holiday Party will be Dec. 1. A silent auction is planned. No alcohol is allowed.

Volunteers are needed for Monarch Madness Sept 16 at Weldon Springs.

There was lots of discussion on hosting the state Momga conference in 2026.

Good of the Order:

Kevin Menard will have garlic bulbs for sale at the September meeting for \$1 each.

Leslie will be collecting flower samples for the flower show Sept. 21.

Tagging monarchs will take place again this year.

The next Steering Committee will be Sept. 8.

The next General meeting will be Sept. 28.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:49.

Respectively submitted,

Catherine Ebone