

HEART OF MISSOURI MASTER GARDENERS  
Minutes of Meeting  
August 16, 2005

On August 16 at 6:30 p.m., fourteen members plus Don Day, met at the city of Columbia's Sanitary Landfill and compost Facility on Peabody Road. A tour of the compost facility and the materials sorting shed was given by Richard Wieman, director of the facility. He also gave a most interesting history and description of their current operations, as well as some projected plans for the future.

At 8:10, president Phyllis Barks called the business meeting to order in the headquarters conference room. Marie Pasley moved the minutes be approved as printed in the newsletter, seconded by Betty Gayle Smith. Motion carried. Treasurer Debbie Scholes reported no change since last month; Heart of MO account has \$875.24 and MO State Conference account, \$6,433.13.

Committee Reports:

Speakers' Bureau – Alice Havard reported Celeste Mazzacano will speak at the library Thursday, August 18 at 7:00 p.m. in the Friends Room and urged members to attend. This will be the last library program for this gardening year.

Newsletter – Tony White asked for feedback on the newsletter. The committee will meet Thursday, August 18 at 7:00 p.m. at Cherry Street Artisan.

Displays – Marie Pasley reminded us we'll have a booth at the Boone County MFarmer's Market on October 1 to host a pumpkin contest for kids. We should also have gardening information available. Topics suggested were putting garden to bed for the winter and forcing bulbs.

Habitat for Humanity – Cedar Albert reported her project with an Eagle Scout is completed. A second Eagle applicant is requesting a master gardener mentor to assist with a Habitat project. Cedar has details if you are interested.

Mizzou Botanic Garden – Hsiao Mei Wiedmeyer reported she was interviewed recently by the *Missourian* newspaper while she and other master gardeners tended the butterfly garden.

Plant-a-Row for the Hungry – Betty Gayle Smith reports they are harvesting a lot of produce and delivering to the food pantry.

Extension Grounds – Carolyn Doyle stated a work day will be held on September 20 at 5:00 p.m. or as soon as folks can get there, before the next meeting. Fall clean up, trimming, weeding, and mulching will be done. Bring gloves, buckets, forks, carts, etc.

Old Business:

President Phyllis Barks asked committee chairs to come up with ways their committee could utilize the funds from the 2004 state conference. If you have project or supply needs for the next year, send requests to Phyllis.

The \$75.00 scholarship for first-time state conference attendees went to Tony White and Elizabeth Hoyos.

The Level II Advanced Training committee has been formed and includes Debbie Scholes, Mary Jane King, Vera Gelder, Marie Pasley, Hsiao-Mei Wiedmeyer, and Don Day. They will have their first meeting on August 30.

Carpool information for the state conference was passed around.

#### New Business:

The Mizzou Botanic Garden is participating in a Columbia Bioblitz, a survey of flora and fauna, on September 9-10, 2005. Master Gardener participation is invited. Printed information was circulated. Information is available at <http://bioblitz.missouri.edu/>.

Don Day reported on the recent International MG Conference in Canada.

#### Upcoming Events:

September 19 – new MG class begins

Saturday, September 10 – Tomato Festival at Bradford Farms, 9:00 a.m. – noon. See Don if you want to participate in activities which may or may not be related to tomatoes.

October 18 – Annual Harvest Dinner. Send Don photos by end of September to include in the montage.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn Doyle for Secretary Mary Jane King