

**BOONSLICK MASTER GARDENERS
MARCH 4, 2009
MEETING MINUTES**

With 11 Master Gardeners in attendance at 616 Bingham Road, we started at 6:00 p.m. with a **presentation by artist and gourd decorator, Marilyn Williams**. She presented a program on **decorating and marketing hard shell gourds**. She discussed the cleaning process with bleach, how to carve and cut gourds, how to prepare gourds for outdoor display with spar varnish and the various painting and decorating tips using acrylic paints. One of her most useful tools is a battery powered saw from Micromark in Pennsylvania.

Following the presentation, **the minutes from the February 2009** meeting were approved by motion of Jane Lego and second by Carol Cox. All members in attendance voted in favor of the motion and the minutes were approved as presented.

Connie Schneider from the River Rats, a not for profit agency in Boonville, presented a proposal to the Master Gardeners to attempt to collaborate on the plant sale in May and the garden tour planned for June. The River Rats group would like to share in the advertising and sponsorship of the garden tour by partnering with garden art from the members and associates of the River Rat group. They propose using a store front during the MG plant sale in May to sell complementary garden art and decorated pots and set up a display during the MG tour in June. They would plan on selling at Turner Hall once the participants had seen some of the garden art displayed at the Jail gardens. The River Rats and the MGs would promote each other's program in hopes of attracting more participants for each group. Following this presentation, the MGs agreed to work with the River Rats during these two events this year to see if this concept works well for each group.

We then discussed in detail the **garden tour plan**:

The date of Sunday, June 14 from 1 to 5 pm was finalized.

Several committees and assignments were proposed:

- 1) Securing yards from community – Jackie H., Amber, Rose
- 2) Refreshments – Carol N. and Megan
- 3) Day of tour yard assignments and brochure assembly – Carol C.
- 4) Money management day of tour – Mary W.
- 5) Secure musicians and artists – Jackie H. and Connie S.
- 6) Securing ads for brochure – Julie T.

We reviewed and discussed the status of several **group projects**:

1. Calaboose garden at the Jail on Morgan Street – will continue with assigned beds and \$50 per bed was once again authorized, \$100 was authorized for the container plantings by Mary Wooldridge.

2. Morgan Street Park – will anticipate planting again this Spring when Parks Department and plants are ready.
3. Plant sale – will anticipate conducting again in Spring on same weekend of Morgan Street Park planting.
4. Katy Junction garden at Katy Manor – plant donations will be needed for beds
5. Wal-Mart – will plan on staffing the opening weekend, scheduled for the 1st weekend in April

Treasurer's Report: Carol Nauman was not in attendance to report the Boonslick Master Gardeners account balance.

Future Events were presented on the Agenda for information:

1. Pruning Workshop – Saturday, March 7 from 10 AM to 12 noon at the Memorial Park in Versailles.
2. Sedalia Home and Garden Show – Friday/Saturday, March 13-14 at the Mathewson Exhibition Center and Assembly at the State Fair Grounds with 80 + vendors anticipated.
3. Native Plant Sale – Saturday, April 11 from 10 AM to 2 PM at the Bradford Farm
4. Arrow Rock's Annual Garden Show – May 9
5. Spring Fling on the Marshall Square – May 16

With no further business to come before the group, we adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Megan McGuire
Secretary
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