

Ozark Prairie Master Gardener's Meeting January 24, 2019 at Hunter Civic Center

Meal and Program

19 OPMG members met at 6:00 p.m. January 24 to enjoy a tasty, comforting carry-in winter meal and conversation prior to the program and meeting. At 6:45, Mary Ella Zimmerman presented a program detailing types of bulbs, tubers, corms, and rhizomes that could be forced to bloom in late winter. Some items such as paper whites can be forced by seating the bulb on gravel in water and refrigerating. Others need to be planted in soil and left outside during the early winter. Consider when you want the blooms to appear and adjust the planting or cold temperatures accordingly. Bringing the items indoors in heat and light will encourage the blooms to appear.

Opening Procedures

- President Earlene Britton called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
- Motion by Larry L., second by Carol B, to approve the October minutes as presented. MC.
- Motion by Lois W., second by Rita S to approve the treasurer's report as presented. MC. (Savings \$5,034.70, Checking \$2,845.61, Petty Cash \$300.50, Total Balance \$8,180.81)
- Marilee Poulter read a thank-you note from Sally Bogie for the scholarship she received and a donation to the club to help provide another scholarship in the future. She also reported a generous donation from Steven and Valerie Botkin, members of the St. Charles Master Gardeners. The club will use the money for future education programs. Motion by Dan Britton, second by Larry L to use \$5 of Sally's donation to pay her 2019 fees and record her as an inactive member. MC.
- Mary Ella Zimmerman presented a bill for supplies for tonight's meal. Lois and Rita amended their motion to include paying this bill.
- Peggy Huhmann provided a list for members to record their OPMG hours.

Committee Reports

Community Garden Mary Ella Z reported "the garden is sleeping."

Pollinator Garden Joann B reported "the garden is sleeping."

Education Committee/Advance Training Andi W

1. The Edible Natives program by Nadia Tindall is under consideration for OPMG. After discussion of possibilities including a public program (cost \$250) and a dinner for club members (cost \$250), Joann B said the Lake Area MG is interested in cooperating with us in presenting an Edible Natives program. Motion by Dan B, second by Carol B. to have the public program Saturday, May 4 (10:30 – 12:30), pay the \$250 from funds available for public programs, and ask the Lake area MG if they want to share work, publicity, and cost of the program. MC. This program would be limited to about 25-30. Motion by Carol B, second by Mary Ella Z to schedule the dinner for June 27 (our regular meeting date) and have the meeting after the dinner. Pay the \$250 from our available monies. MC. Andi will talk with Nadia and Joann will talk to the Lake area MG to coordinate details.
2. February 22 is a drip irrigation workshop at Morgan County Seed in the meeting room conducted by MU Extension and Mo. Dept. of Ag Crops Program. Time: 9:00 – 3:30 with noon meal provided. Contact Joni Ross Harper at Morgan Co Extension for pre registration (required).
3. March 2 (rain date March 9) will be the grape pruning event at Dale Hollow Winery in Stover. The plan is to meet there at 8:30 A.M. if you completed the course last year. Refresher course will be held, and then, as the public arrives, they will have ½ hour of instruction. They can then be paired with OPMG members and complete the pruning. Plans are to finish the pruning by 11:00, meet at the building for lunch at 12:00. OPMG will do an ad for this event, and people can sign up with the Extension Office.

4. April 3 Grafting Fruit Trees event will be held at the Hunter Civic Center from 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. The course is limited to 30 people, and cost is \$10.00. On the same date, Patrick Beyers will present a seminar from 1-5 p.m. on Brambles. This is open to the public. This will count as Advance Training for OPMG. Motion by Andi W., second by Mary Ella Z to have both programs. Pre-register with Extension Office.
5. Morgan County Fair is scheduled for July 10-13. More information later.
6. Field day is scheduled for September 21, 2019
7. Andi has agreed to continue the popular QUIZZES program again this year. Thank you, Andi.
8. Earlene passed around the list of committees for this year. Please add or strike your name. She will present an updated committee list at the next meeting.
9. Plant Sale Joann B Scheduled for April 27, 2019
 - Train helpers just before the sale so we all know about all the plants available before we eat supper on set-up day.
 - Adding trees and shrubs is a possibility but we have no vendor yet.
 - Dan and Earlene will continue early planting in their basement.
 - Mary Ella and Carol are in charge of blooms.
 - Native plants will be available again – budget is increased to \$200. Motion by Andi, second by Dean T to spend \$200 on native plants. MC
 - The high school will continue to provide space and plants again this year.
 - At the regular March meeting we will spend some time on training.
 - Motion by Dan, second by Mary Ella to use all our avenues of free advertising to promote the plant sale. MC.

Old Business

1. Christmas Party – a great success. Good time, good food.
2. Multi-County Dinner. Great success, good food! 60+ people attended representing 5 – 6 counties. We received a gracious thank-you note from the Benton County MG who will be hosting next year.
3. Joann reported an opportunity on February 12 to watch the Missouri River Bird Observatory people catch and band birds at her home. She will send more information – let her know if you want to attend.
4. Annual Audit Larry L reported that he met with Marilee P and Joni H-R to review the financial business of the club. He congratulated Marilee for many good innovations and suggestions. The review committee felt very comfortable with the reconciliation of monies and appropriate use of funds. Motion by Carol B, second by Joann B to accept the audit. MC.

New Business

1. State Association Dan B Dan attended the Nov 2 meeting. Several changes have been made to the MOMGA website. Members need to visit the site. The schedule of meetings for 2019 includes March 1, June 7, Sept 6, and Nov 8.
2. The University of Missouri is hosting a mini-conference in Columbia around June 6-7.
3. Earlene reported applications for awards are due in March. The committee of Joann, Dan, and Mary Ella need to get together and submit paperwork for 2018 year awards.

State Master Gardener class begins Monday, March 4 through May 6. We are hosting classes again and need hosts. Classes will be 6-9p.m. at the library except for March 18 and April 15. (Those meet at Extension Office.)

Adjournment Motion by Larry L, second by Mary Ella Z to adjourn. MC.

Clarice Nelson, Secretary

Next meeting February 28, 2019 at Hunter Civic Center