

Ozark Prairie Master Gardener's Meeting March 7, 2019 (Delayed from February 28)

Following a bountiful carry-in dinner at 6:00 p.m., the OPMG meeting opened with a program entitled "Well-Lit Landscape" from lighting designer, Randall Whitehead. Presented by Earlene Britton, the program detailed helpful methods for developing an artificial lighting system for the homeowner's building and grounds. Photographs illustrated the dramatic difference when many sources of lights were used in a variety of locations.

The business meeting followed at 7:00 p.m. with 18 members in attendance. Joni R. and children were also present.

Opening procedures

Motion by Andi W., second by Mary Ella Z. to accept the minutes of the January meeting as presented. MC. Marilee presented the treasurer's report. (Savings \$5,037.21, Checking \$3,829.83, Petty Cash \$300.50. TOTAL \$9,167.54) Dan presented a bill from plant sale materials for \$264.35. Motion by Dean T, second by Larry L. to approve the treasurer's report and to pay the bills. MC.

Committee Reports

Community Garden Mary Ella reports the garden is still "sound asleep". Dan reported the cole crops are started.

Pollinator Garden Joann hasn't checked on the garden recently since the weather has been so bad. She showed the members the metal Monarch Way Station sign to be installed in the garden.

Education Committee/Advance Training Andi had several items of interest:

1. The first of 6 quizzes had been sent out to members. Hold on to your quizzes.
2. Grape pruning scheduled for March 9 is currently up in the air. It could possibly be rescheduled for March 16. Watch for notifications. We will need volunteers to provide food for this event. Plan for about 30 people.
3. Field Day on September 21 has not been set up but we need to begin soon.
4. The Bramble workshop on Wed., April 3 (1-4 p.m.) at Hunter Center will cost \$10. The Tree grafting workshop April 3 (6-8:30) at Hunter Center will also cost \$10. Call the Extension Center if you want to attend.
5. The Edible Natives Event for Sat, May 4 at 10:30 AM is scheduled for the Hunter Center. If the public is invited, a sign-up sheet at Extension needs to be set up.
6. The Edible Natives dinner for Thursday, June 27 will begin at 5:00 p.m. and will precede OPMG regular June meeting. Members will participate in ingredients and cooking. Real plates and table settings are needed.
7. Joni mentioned she is working on getting the Woodland meetings scheduled for our area. These are webinars. Possible the assistant could come to our Field Day event.

Yard of the Month Carol Jones reminded members that we voted to do this on the second Monday of each month at 9:30 for the sake of consistent scheduling. The committee and volunteers will meet April 8 for the first one.

Plant Sale Joann reminded us this will be April 27 and takes the place of a regular OPMG monthly meeting. Ads have already been arranged with the CoMo paper and MoMGA. Dan will take care of the newspaper and Andi will put ad on radio.

Scholarship Committee Earlene wanted member input on continuing this scholarship. Motion by Pam, second by Dan to again make a \$300 available this year. MC.

Old Business

State Association Dan reported we now have rough drafts for all three awards and they are ready for editing by Carol J. Deadline is March 31.

Master Gardener's Class Joni reported this has been cancelled since not enough people had enrolled. Those names will be carried over until fall when she hopes to have another class. Joni discussed the possibility of our club using the many events we host as a hands-on training for future master gardener enrollees. The course would be more interesting and more attractive to possible students. We need to work with the education committee to develop a new approach to the course.

Mini Conference in Columbia Scheduled for June 4-5, this will be in a convention center. The Awards for Excellence will be passed out at this meeting.

Master Pollinator Steward Program is still in the planning stages. OPMG is requested to have a person available to host in Eldon and the Community Center. (9-12 noon). We need to provide snacks. Dan will host April 5, Joann and Andi will host April 12. We need one more person for April 5.

New Business

MoMGA State Meeting Vicki reported on the plans for a garden party at the Governor's Mansion. It is not yet set up since there is no overall list of Master Gardener members available! Regarding the state conventions, we were asked if OPMG would act as hosts if MoMGA and the University put together the convention.

Master Gardener Minute Mary Ella reminded members we could rake up a little patch in our flower beds and throw down lettuce seeds! She had been working with strawberry bare-root plants by soaking them in beer before planting in plugs.

Other Items

1. Earlene reported on a new festival in Arrow Rock on May 11 (10 am – 4 pm) called Birds and Bees Festival. They want help and they want booths with activities. Motion by Dan, second by Mary Ella to participate in this with a native plant potting station. MC. Joann and Mary Ella will be in charge.
2. Earlene also reported on a Mo. Dept of Conservation notice that the State Forest Nursery in Licking Mo, will have an open house April 6 from 9 – 2. Call to reserve a time for their tour of the facilities and a variety of activities. Earlene will head up this tour if anyone wants to go.

Adjournment Motion by Pam D., second by Larry L. to adjourn. MC.

**Reminder: Next meeting is March 28. No formal meeting in April.
May meeting is THIRD Thursday (May 17)**