

IGMGA Newsletter – Volume 11

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May 9, 2007 ICMGA Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order by the President, Janet Huebner. The Secretary's report was read. Pat Borcharding made a motion to accept the minutes, seconded by Jayne Wisler, motion passed. The Treasurer, Mary Massey, reported a balance of \$2277.40

Mary Mayo, bulb sale chairman, discussed the upcoming bulb sale. She suggested selling sixteen different bulbs. The possibility of selling bulbs at the Farm Progress Show in Monroe this fall was mentioned. Bulbs will be ordered from John Sheeper's Bulb Company.

Community garden chairman, Denise Marino, announced that Kinder Kastle will make a weekly Wednesday visit to the Bloomfield garden site. They will be planting a 'Three Sister's Garden'. Jayne Wisler, Bloomfield captain, announced there are six garden plots for the community garden. Also, there will be one more work day at Bloomfield after the plant sale.

The President asked for a volunteer to replace Betty Hanson's position of answering garden questions from the Extension Office. The most calls received in a year were ten. The person would do the research, answer the question and return the call. The President announced a MG Regional Conference on October 5th and 6th, 2007. Chapters were asked to donate \$50 and an item for the silent auction.

June is invasive species month. Booklets were passed out from the Extension Office.

Ruth Olson, historian, would appreciate and pictures of MG projects and members.

There is a MG banner available from the state MG office for booths.

The next meeting will be at Denise Marino's home on August 15th, 2007. Directions will be sent before the meeting.

Pat Borcharding asked for volunteers to help plant annuals at Bloomfield on May 21st at 5 PM with a rain date of May 23rd.

It was announced that volunteers will be needed to help plant the rain garden at Harris Park.

Jayne Wisler moved to adjourn, seconded by Pat Borcharding, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Treasurer's Report

Iowa County Master Gardener Check Register 2007

5/18/2007

Check #	Date	Description	Payment	Deposit	Balance
	3/14	Beginning Balance			\$2,277.40
1219	5/9	Jayne Wisler -Bloomfield-Jungs/Food	\$67.87		
1220	5/9	Janet Huebner-Bloomfield-Tools	\$122.96		
1221	5/18	DaVee / Bonde May speakers	\$75.00		
	5/18	Ending Balance			\$2,011.57

Mary Massey, Treasurer

News from the Extension

Dan Brandt, our horticulture intern will be starting work on May 29th. Dan is from southern Grant County and is currently a freshman at UW-Platteville majoring in horticulture & political science.

Are the MG's still having an afternoon/evening when folks could show up at the demonstration garden and do some work? I was thinking that if that tradition continues, I would see if Dan can get out to meet some of the MG's once he's on board. Have you thought any further on other activities that we might have Dan involved with?

Dan will be answering our general horticulture calls into the office since Betty Hansen is taking the summer for recuperation, and I will assist him with that as much as I can. I would also like him to make connections with those folks in Iowa County who are producing fruits, vegetables, etc. for direct marketing, and have talked with Rink DaVee some about that. He will also assist Deb, Sarah and Donna with their various gardening/youth activities that they are doing this year through our office, and help Paul with the rain garden projects.

Are there some educational offerings that the MG's are interested in, or other activities? I had come up with one field day/meeting idea so far; to do a basic soil quality program for the gardening public. What do you think?

Other ideas are welcome. I think Dan will be an asset to Iowa County Extension; of course, we need to make sure we fill his plate with many interesting activities as part of the experience!

Rhonda

Rhonda R. Gildersleeve, Ph.D.

Horticulture Inquiries

Betty Hansen will no longer be able to answer questions for the UW Extension. While many questions are answered at the Extension office and the intern will be helping, we

need a volunteer to answer some questions. You can research the questions from the comfort of your home and then call when you have an answer. Doing a little detective work could be fun and a great way to get your hours. There is training available. I am including the information. Please let me know if you are interested.