

Jefferson County Master Gardener Volunteers – 1/20/2011 meeting minutes

Location Jefferson County UW Extension – start 6:30

This meeting began with a potluck Garden Party - summer in January....without the bugs. Next, we played some 'get to know you better' games – gardener BINGO and 30 second introductions - with participants earning entries for the prize drawing during the meeting. Members also brought in extra 2011 seed or nursery catalogs to share or exchange. Then, the brief business meeting:

1. Call to order

2. Treasurer's report & budget (Mary T.)

3. Approval of November's minutes as read via e-mail or provided copies – no changes, motion to approve Deb S, second Maryann D.

4. Old business

A. Turn in orders for logo clothing - Audray W collected order forms and payment. Noted that if we don't have enough orders (40) for the standard tee shirt, the \$20 screen print fee will be paid for out of the treasury. **Order status next meeting.**

B. Signs, as per \$250 grant: volunteers? **Audray W and Mary T will investigate sources and cost. Report on status at next meeting.**

C. Volunteers for summer monthly meeting garden tours?

Sue Z has volunteered

**Gordon P to ask Donna & Mike H if they wish to volunteer**

**Margaret A to ask Susan Mahr if she wishes to host at her home**

Visit Lake Mills Prairie Restoration site as a tour or as a separate outing?

D. Update on composting training – Walworth County will host "train the trainer" session on April 9th, 2011. First to sign up and pay will be enrolled, there is a limit of 40 people, and it will be open to the public. Fee is \$30, we have \$100 grant money to help pay for training, amount per person will depend on number participating.

**Information will be circulated ASAP, info will also be sent to paper by Heidi.**

E. Other old business – none

5. New Business

A. Awards for service - Congratulations to all!!

This year, we had the following:

150 hours	Beverly D
	Ron L
	Mary T
	Audray W
500 Hours	Phyllis S
1000 Hours	Dennis B

In addition, WIMGA cards were handed out to 'members in good standing', who have fulfilled their 2010 hours for training and volunteer time, and paid dues to the organization.

B. Introduce subject for Feb. meeting: volunteer projects and guidelines; seed exchange January 30 is National Seed Swap Day! **February meeting, bring in seeds to swap!**  
**In February, we will review the ongoing JCMGV service projects.**

- \*Rotary Park- Judy F
- \*Hoard Museum-
  - Fence Garden - Bev D
  - Dairy Shrine and Museum Entrance Garden - Bev D
  - Proposed Rain Garden - Bev D
  - Roger and Sandra Anderson Peony Gardens - Sue Z/Ron L
- \*Old World Wisconsin - Helen M (?)
- \*Habitat for Humanity - Susan W (?)
- \*Fort Atkinson Police Station - Maggie S
- \*Jefferson County Fair - Margaret A
- \*Plant Health Advisors - Eve W
- \*Proposed Courthouse Landscape Project - Dennis B (?)
- \*Proposed Farmer's Market booth - Linda BG.
- \*'Get healthy Watertown' community garden group presentation – Heidi J

C. MG Training, starting Jan. 25<sup>th</sup> – 5 individuals are final enrolled. Following the meeting, volunteers were solicited and scheduled to sit in on the weekly classes. Class participants are invited to attend JCMGVA meetings and activities, and to volunteer time under the guidance of an experienced Master Gardener prior to their class completion.

D. Prizes for games - Donna H – pruner, Diane K and Jeannie T - \$10 gift certificates to Blodgetts, Dennis B - \$25 gift cert., Bev D and Maryann D – Field Guide to Invasive Plants.

6. Other comments, questions, Show and Tell

- Master Gardener Volunteer Pins – pins are ordered when a member completes basic training and 24 volunteer hours, at the time that their \$40 is refunded. Replacement pins can be ordered, but must be paid for by the person needing the replacement. (est. \$6.75 each)
- Jeannie T – Invasive Plants books can be ordered at a cost of \$4.20 each, minimum 10 copies, from the Parks Department, or from Friends of Rose Lakes.
- Sharon S noted – WI Gardens & Landmarks book – book signing and presentation will be held at the Rock River Gallery/coffee shop in Jefferson – watch the paper for time.

7. Motion to adjourn – Move to adjourn Sue K, Barb S seconded.

**Service time: .5 hours**