

SEWMG Business Meeting Minutes

Date: July 13, 2011

Members Present: 22

Meeting was called to order by: President Mary Thiele at 9:33 A.M.

Nuggets:

1. Several Master Gardener Volunteers (MGVs) were involved in the Wauwatosa Beautification Committee's "Secret Gardens of Wauwatosa Tour" as docents or manning the SEWMG information table at the Kneeland-Walker house. Three MGV's gardens were on the tour, Bill Shaffer's, Gail Morgan's and Marilyn Twombly's.
2. Mary Thiele toured the Allen Centennial Garden. She thought it was lovely. She encouraged MGVs to attend the state conference.

Favorite Tools:

1. Kay Costello stated that there are pruners for every size hand, small, large and left-handed.
2. Felco #2 pruners can be obtained on the Felco website.
3. Ace Hardware brand garden tools are sourced from Felco. Ace's prices are a little less expensive.
4. Felco pruners are sometimes on sale for ½ price at the Mid Am show.

MGV Tom Krishan has passed away. SEWMG will give a donation in his memory to the Master Gardener Fund of the UW Foundation. Sharon Morrisey stated that Tom and his wife Donna have been MGVs for many years. Tom was a biologist and wrote articles for various magazines. Tom and Donna attended plant help updates and always brought a door prize from their wonderful garden.

Prior Meeting Minutes: The June 8, 2011 meeting minutes were read by Treasurer Joy Towell and approved.

Treasurer's Report: The June 2011 Treasurer's Report was given by Treasurer Joy Towell and approved.

Mary Thiele read a thank you note from WCTC SEWMG scholarship recipient Benjamin Rozek.

Sharon Morrisey introduced Nancy Lehrer, the new Master Gardener Volunteer Coordinator. Nancy will be working all day Tuesdays. Her second work day during the week will vary.

Nancy can be reached at nancy.lehrer@ces.uwex.edu. Nancy will take requests for handouts and for volunteers. She will be attending SEWMG business meetings to give volunteer reports.

Sharon Morrisey gave the Horticultural Report:

1. Late blight on tomatoes has been identified in Waukesha County. Treatment should start immediately. Volunteer seedlings should be removed. Organic gardeners can use copper products at 7 day intervals. Nonorganic gardeners can use products with the active ingredient chlorothalonil.
2. The new herbicide Imprelis should not be used over the root zones of Norway Spruce or White Pine. Yews may also be damaged. The effects on these trees may not be seen for 4 to 6 weeks. Damaged trees should be watered well. Imprelis stays in grass clippings and can be transferred to compost.

Kris Jensen gave a presentation on the inventory program on the Master Gardener website. The request form for inventory changes or new items can be found on the website.

Old Business:

1. Patty Witt gave the Garden Support Committee Report. A vegetable garden tour is planned for August 27th from 10 – 2. The Ronald McDonald and Sussex Outreach gardens will be included. Patty will contact other vegetable gardens to request their participation. The next Garden Support Committee meeting will be July 27th from 9 – 11 at the Milwaukee UW-Extension office.
2. Kay Costello gave the Life Long Gardening Committee Report. The committee is planning for State Fair and Milwaukee County Fair. They will be doing a program for Waukesha County in the fall or winter.
3. Janet Wintersberger gave the Long Term Planning Committee Report. The committee has been working on SEWMG mission, vision and objectives. The committee meets quarterly with the Extension Horticulture Educators. Objectives will be completed after the August meeting.
4. Bill Shaffer gave the Plant Sale report. SEWMG received a thank you letter from Habitat for Humanity. A post plant sale meeting was held. The committee discussed new ways to market the plant sale including electronic media. Check out for the plant sale next year will stay in the DNR building. We need to cut down on plants that don't sell. Many plants had to be disposed of after the sale. "Pot-a-thons" were wonderfully attended. Our profit from this year's sale was approximately \$27,000.
5. Kathleen Hochevar and Peg Fleury have volunteered to chair the Program Committee. Doris Fons will continue to chair the external trips. The September Program has been changed to September 7th at 6:30 pm.

Other:

1. SEWMG Picnic will be August 18th at 5:30 pm at the Northpoint Lighthouse. Bring a chair and a “dish to pass”, you don’t have to make something, go to the deli. Or bring some dessert from the bakery.
2. State Fair orientation meetings will be August 2 at 9:00 am and 6:30 pm. State Fair work days are July 23 and 25.
3. The newsletter deadline is August 1.
4. The Leadership Committee is looking for new officers. Contact Janet Wintersberger if you are interested.
5. The Milwaukee County Fair will be held on September 23 – September 25 in the 4H building at State Fair.

Meeting adjourned: at 11:05

Next meeting, August 10, 9:30 am at Milwaukee UW Extension office.

Respectfully submitted,
Joy C Towell, SEWMG Treasurer