

Master Gardener Foundation Kitsap County



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*Promoting long term environmental health
through sound and sustainable horticultural practices*

The purposes of this non-profit Foundation are solely educational and charitable to enhance and supplement the effort of the WSU Master Gardener Program and thereby provide education and information to the citizens of Kitsap County.

DRAFT Board Meeting Minutes

Wednesday April 2, 2008

I. Call to order

Becky Croston called the regular meeting to order of the Master Gardener Foundation of Kitsap County at 1:05 PM on Wednesday, April 2, 2008, at the Eagles Nest, Kitsap Fairgrounds, Bremerton, WA.

Board members in attendance: Becky Croston, President, Marialis Jurgas, Vice President Mary-Cathern Edwards, Secretary, Sandy Livermore, Treasurer, and Directors at Large; John Mikesell, Ray Etheridge and Roland Malan.

Members in attendance: Peg Tillery, Sharron Etheridge, Cat Ross, Delona Kent, Gary Gratrix, Bill K., Betty Clark, Carol Henning, Donna Hamilton, and guests Matt and Tabbi Ross, Cat's grandchildren, and Mike McFadden, State Foundation representative.. The minutes of the March 2008 meeting were accepted.

President Becky Croston welcomed guest Mike McFadden, interim State Master Gardener Foundation Board Vice President. Mike is also a Jefferson County Master Gardener.

Reports and Announcements

Treasurer's Report - Sandy Livermore

Bank Accounts

Kitsap Bank CD #4 (131) 7-7-08	\$	8,206.05
Kitsap Bank CD #6 (133) 4-6-08	\$	4,434.38
Kitsap Bank CD #8 (135) 12-6-08	\$	3,838.73
Kitsap Bank CD #9 (136) 9-14-08	\$	7,746.65
Kitsap Bank Checking	\$	8,510.45
Kitsap Bank Savings	\$	656.16
TOTAL Bank Accounts	\$	33,392.42

Horticulture Report - Peg Tillery

WSU EXTENSION HORTICULTURE COORDINATOR'S REPORT APRIL 2008

Garden Report:

- Anna Smith Garden and Raab Park are on track for the budget so far for this year.
- We've received and paid the bill for the new sign at Anna Smith.
- Compost was ordered for garden bed renovation at Raab Park but the expenses for the compost was covered by the p-patch collections through Poulsbo Parks and Rec
- We should be on track for this year with the \$1000 budgeted for each of these gardens.
- Howe Farm - there are a few glitches with Howe Farm - as in no signed MOA yet. Stay tuned for this one. No idea when we'll be on site and gardening/educating.

Clinics Report:

- We're currently going through and renovating all clinic boxes.
- New materials are being ordered.
- We have \$2840 budgeted for the clinics, which includes parking fees for the Extension Office Clinic parking.
- We may have to move some of the clinic budgeted categories around (i.e. not spend as much in some to offset expenditures in others).
- Basically, though, the clinic expenses for 2008 are not anticipated to exceed the \$2840 budgeted.

Kitsap County Fair:

- No expenses incurred yet.

Awards, Certificates, Plaques (end of the year):

- No expenses incurred yet.
- Expenses will occur in October 2008.

BKAT Educational DVDs:

- No expenses yet.
- Filming will resume in May and/or July.
- Expenses won't be billed to us until July through September

MG Training:

- The MGs who attend training each year pay for their own course expenses.
- The fees paid also provides enough \$\$ for scholarships and also pays for the mentors parking fees.

Discussion: Weeds of the West books will be available for sale for \$20 each at the Plant Sale.

Howe Farm Report – Sharon Howard

Approval status – Public comment was taken at the Kitsap County Commissioner's meeting on March 24. It was a love fest – no one spoke against the idea of the three stewardship groups at the park, everyone spoke in support. Final MOA signing is scheduled for the next public meeting which is April 14.

However, there are some issues with the MOAs as they have been returned to us from Parks and Rec. The big sticking point in the MOA for both WSU Extension and South Kitsap School District was the requirement by Parks/Rec that we fund and manage the project to tie to public water. Since that requirement would be a deal breaker for us all, the county has relented and now says we can use the existing well at the farm for irrigation as long as we observe the daily use restrictions (no more than 5,000 gallons a day). The words requiring us to attach to public water are still, unfortunately, in the MOA.

Parks/Rec want all the signatories of WSU Extension – Arno Bergstrom, Linda Kirk-Fox, and Sherry Gordon (from the legal department) to sign the agreement before it goes to the commissioners for their signatures. This may be another issue for us, because usually WSU signs last. So, April 14 may not be feasible. But we're forging ahead.

Funding – The Port Orchard Rotary will be gathering funds for us at their annual auction on May 3. PLEASE consider purchasing tickets to attend this gala – all the crab you can eat, and lots of fun. The event will take place at McCormick Woods; contact Sharon if you want info on the tickets. (BTW, several of the SKSD teachers are attending; MGs should be there too to support Howe Farm.)

Newsletter Committee – Gary Gratrix, Editor

No Report

Discussion occurred re: sending the next Newsletter via e-mail to all Members currently receiving a mailed hard copy, in the hope that Members would opt for e-mail distribution, as opposed to USPS mailings. E-mail distribution would eliminate postal costs. It was determined Gary Gratrix will send the next Newsletter via e-mail.

Discussion occurred re: sharing the current e-mail Newsletter with Thurston/Mason County Extension Offices. It was decided not send them out due to it not being fair that our own county MG's who were not Foundation members, would not get the most current 'letter until much later on the web. (Secretary's note: the current policy provides Newsletters to current Foundation members. Past editions are ultimately posted on the Foundation website for all to read,)

Calendar Feasibility Committee –Cat Ross

Calendar Committee is proceeding forward with cautiousness due to the uncertain nature of what was noted at the March Board meeting.

The Brainstorming committee has chosen the monthly models and scenes that will be presented to the Photo Artist to work with into the best production for the calendar.

Costco is interested in working with us to get our calendars into their outlets; we are working on this with them currently

Our next meeting will be an ALL MODEL meeting Sunday 27 April 2008 to go over each models scene and help them to see the vision we see and make sure they are comfortable with the scene and what they are asked to do in each pose.

Sunday 27 April 2008 Silverdale Community Center 1 pm to 2 pm for the brainstorming committee All Models 2 pm to 4 pm

Anyone interested in working on the calendar is welcome to attend.

Information to the board on upcoming costs (time line of payments to be requested) will be worked up prior to the 9 April 2008 Retreat to offer more information in hopes to receive confirmation by board to continue forward with the project for May 2009 sales

Calendar 2010 Monthly Layout in the Works

Spot	Model(s)	Flower	Scene Description
Cover	Sheri Kiley	Roses	Bette Midler Rolling Stone pose
Artist page	Winifred	?	New photo
MGF/MG	Donna Hamilton Becky Croston Tisha Terhune Chrissy Petoff Christina Nelson		Farmer's Market Clinic table setting OR 2006 'banned' calendars flying off shelves scene or out of backs of the cars

	Dana Coggon		
January	Joe Machinski	Dead stuff	mulch compost chipper-shirt off
February	?	Pansy	Ms. Valentine pose
March	Oggie Ogden	Spring Bulbs	Sprinkler squirt up kilt
April	Cat Ross	Tulips	Ms. April Showers w/umbrella
May	Sandy Livermore John Mikesell	Dahlia	John hanging MGF banner- Sandy becomes twisted and falls, wrapped in banner.
June	Daphne Lee- Larson	Mock Orange	June bride in veil w/bouquet
July	Arlene West	Red, white, blue hydrangea	Patriotic Sailor Girl
August	Mary- Cathern Edwards	Rhodies and azaleas	Moonlight music with cello
September	Debra Ady	Huckleberry	Swinging on a Garden Gate OR picking huckleberries and pruning
October	Men of Kitsap: Steve Kimbrough, Frank Anderson	Mums/Pumpkins ?	Men in the Field Scene with Hay bales
November	Ann Lovejoy	?	Need to consult with her re: poses
December	Roland and Shelly Malan	Poinsettia	Mrs. :decorating tree w/seed packets and calendar photo cards Santa: Delivering garden tool presents

Discussion re: calendar budget was tabled by Marialis Jurges, to be continued at the April 9 2008 Board retreat meeting. John Mikesell seconded the motion. Becky Croston requested the Calendar Committee provide a time line spread sheet format of calendar expenses to the Board for a closer budget estimate of this project, as soon as possible.

Seminars Committee: Debra Ady
2008 Seminar Schedule - Debra Ady

The meeting held 3:30 pm - 4:30 pm 4 March after the MGF meeting was a great success.

Present: Debra Ady, Sharon & Ray Etheredge, Cat Ross. Absent: Carol Henning, Shari Burns, Val Martinson

March 2008 is Pruning your Roses with Ray Etheredge we decided to make rose appetizers to have as refreshments. We will auction off 2 sets of a rose plant and book on roses.

April Natives with John Mikesell we will have some photo albums and native plants to auction or raffle off and John is trying to decide if he will mat some of his photos to offer.

May Recycling and Bonsai there was detailed discussion of whether or not to use Dan Robinson of Elandan Gardens, if there is someone else we could find perhaps we should try. It was noted by some board members that he has not been friendly to MG's in the past.

At our **June** Seminar being held at the Dragonfly Nursery in Kingston. Everyone is asked to be there at NOON and bring a brown bag lunch for an exchange much like an Old Time Box Lunch Social! Let's have some fun sharing and eating in the garden. Who will pack the lunch you choose?

July we will investigate having lavender appetizers for refreshments

August & September were not discussed

October we have decided to host a pot luck lunch featuring our best herb recipes by attendees

All 2008 speakers will be invited back and 2009 speakers scheduled will be invited as well to join in the celebration of the close of the 2008 seminars. All attendees will be asked to bring an herb dish for the pot luck lunch. It will begin at NOON with the seminar beginning at 1 pm.

We will auction off a set of photo albums spring, summer, autumn & winter.

We are trying to think of some item that can be hand made by MG's so we can offer it as a thank you to speakers that attend. Possible tree chairs with a potted plant, we need to find an idea so we can begin making these

We discussed and feel it is extremely important to follow through with:
starting a phone tree to invite MG's to the seminars to spur better attendance.
posting fliers in local businesses that allow such on bulletin boards.
send fliers to local Garden Clubs Need someone to take on this task!

Plant Sale Committee Becky Croston

Committee Meeting Report For the Board:

April 1, 2008 1-3pm Fire Station 41: Fairgrounds Road
Seven members and two guests attended our meeting: Members: Becky Croston, Al McKibben, Gary Gratrix, Wayne Tysver, Julie Rhee, Cat Ross, and Sandy Livermore. Our two guests were Tabitha Ross and Matthew Ross, stepchildren of Cat Ross, who helped

the committee put labels on plant pokes: provided by Gary.

Items covered:

A. The final pre-sale meeting will be : (Wayne Tysver) April 29, 1-3 pm Fire Station 41.

B. Post-Sale Meeting, wrap-up: Wayne Tysver: May: 20, 1-3, Fire Station 41.

We're on top of these, but let's review:

1. Budget: \$2000.00 total

A. The estimates for overall expenses for this sale are currently \$1944.00, based on anticipated costs for gloves, fuchsia, Foxglove's charges for veggies, and bookmarks.

3. Promotions:

A. **Bookmarks:** Wayne: More have been printed, with receipts to be turned in soon.

B. **Road Signs:** Wayne: They are on hand; ready to be put out for the sale.

C. **Yard signs:** Gary: these were distributed after the meeting, to be posted about two weeks before the plant sale.

4. Quantity ordering:

A. **Fuchsia:** Sheri and Allen: there are 804, 4 inch pots of fuchsias to sell, set-up by Allen and Sheri. Sheri could not make the meeting, but submitted a written report to say that she was going to clean and pinch 6 flats of fuchsia instead, and pot-up tomatoes at Foxglove Nursery.

B. **Gloves:** Sheri will be ordering them this week.

C. **NEW: Compost bins:** Becky:

1. The committee decided to order 78 of the Geobins for the plant sale. Since this cost exceeds our budget, the committee requests that the Foundation cover the additional investment of \$870.48 for the bins, which covers shipping and handling. Final sale price for the bins to be determined, based on final cost of \$11.16 per bin. The committee feels the sale price should be over \$20 and under \$25 per bin.

2. Becky will contact Master Composters to work shifts to promote sales and show how they can be used to grow potatoes as well. Allen will bring containers of compost "ingredients," and potatoes and straw for demonstration purposes. Ray and Sharron Etheredge and Bill Gaylord already said they could help.

3. Allen graciously offered to have the bins delivered to his house for storage and distribution.

4. We need to promote these bins in additional advertising: Becky will look into this via Rhiannon.

5. Other:

A. **Volunteers:** Cat Ross: reported that she has an amazing amount of volunteers signed up.

B. **"Thank You" poster** / major contributors / ask Rhiannon to work it up: 1. Steve Johnson of Cooleen Gardens (Hosta,) Dave Halsaver of Foxglove Greenhouse (veggies, fuchsia,) and whoever should be "officially thanked" for the donation of box trays---Becky will check with Judy Morgan on this.

C. Volunteers will help move tables from the Pavilion at about noon, as they did last year. We will need a table this year for odds and ends, such as the new Gift Tags. We also decided to again cover the non-plant tables with white plastic table covers, which Becky will provide.

Becky Croston reported the Master Composters will be at the Plant Sale to discuss and demonstrate composting methods, specifically for the Geobins. (Go Composters!) Discussion occurred re: MG logo wear will be available at the Plant Sale..

Tour Report: Marialis Jorges

April 18th field trip is scheduled to the Chase Gardens. The time scheduled is 10:00 AM in Orting, so will be working out carpools shortly.

The Rhododendron Species garden in Federal Way is scheduled for May 2nd at 10 AM. The Lavender garden tour has been rescheduled to June 9th. This tour will include the garden of Susan Harrington and other local lavender gardens.

Further information will be forwarded to the Membership via Peg and our webmaster Jane Bedinger..

State Master Gardener Foundation Representative Report:

No Report. Roland Malan indicated Conference accommodations and logistics were discussed at the last meeting.

Guest Mike McFadden, interim State Foundation vice president noted he was touring counties to learn more about the various county level Master Gardener Foundations. He observed the focus of the State MGF is expanding to cover more than State Conference presentations and to provide leadership. There is a possibility districts will be reapportioned to include an additional Olympic Peninsula district.

New Business:

Compost Bins: Sandy Livermore made the motion to fund the purchase of compost bins to be sold at the Plant Sale, in the amount of \$870.48. Roland Malan seconded the motion. The motion was passed.

Program Expenses: Discussion was tabled to be discussed at the April 9th Board Retreat.

Search for Success: John Mikesell is our Search for Success Representative with his Anna Smith Garden Native Plant trail. John and assistants have spent the last three years carving out a very carefully crafted trail with the express purpose to highlight native plants. John volunteered many of the plants from his own property. Sadly, John reported the Native Plant trail, so carefully tended, had been the recent victim of someone with a large mowing or trimming device. Many of the specimens and the essence of the native plant trail have been destroyed by this action. Parks and Rec offered to replace some of the plants. John appreciates the offer, however it is noted that it will take some time for the trail to return to its previous graceful state. John declined to continue participation in the Search for Success candidacy. The Board and present members offered our condolences at this setback, however John indicated the trail work will continue.

Olympic View Community Club: The Foundation, via Peg, was asked to provide Foundation information in time for their April 6 Garden Club Meeting. Peg will include Foundation membership forms, plant sale bookmarks, and a Plant Sale poster, and flyers promoting the Foundation "Wednesday" seminars.

Membership: Mary-Cathern reported our 2008 membership is now at 94. There are 52 members from 2007 who did not renew their memberships. Discussion ensued re: Federal Law requires yearly membership application in accordance with out 501c3 status. Per Roland's suggestion, the discussion re: Membership dues is tabled until the April 9th Board Retreat.

Jefferson County Compost work shop: Mike McFadden announced a compost workshop in Jefferson County on April 5 and 12.

President Becky Croston adjourned the meeting at 3:04 (or thereabouts)

After the meeting, a few of us stayed to create gift tags for the Plant Sale with Becky and Cat.