

Union County Master Gardener Association
Monthly Business Meeting
June 28, 2017 7:00PM – The Home of Bea Metz
215 N. Main St. Woodstock Oh 43084, Phone 937-826-4194 or 937-243-5686.

Attendees: Donna Gehring, Lisa Kovinchick, Karen Moots, Terri Farley, Dixie Bowen, Dilu Juvarkar, Pat Houser, Deb Jeffers, Beth Johnson, Bea Metz, Joan Griffin, Laurie Lowe, Mary Ann Haynes, Harry Kirtley, Scheral Greider, Karen Mikols, Donna Maley, Karen Long, Audrey Kise, Eunice Hornsby

Call to Order: Lisa Kovinchick. Thanks to Bea for opening up her garden for the monthly meeting.

June Educational Program – 7:00 PM, held at the home of Bea Metz

Mary Ann Haynes, Natural Products

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Secretary's Report: Donna Gehring, May minutes are approved.

Treasurer's Report: Lisa for Mary Salimbene-Merriman, Treasurer's report was posted last week. Suggest we add a date on the reports.

Coordinator's Report: Laurie Lowe and Eunice Hornsby

- Training classes, we need 12 students, instructors have been lined up. About 8 people came to the open house and they all have applications and received a thank you note from Laurie. Various counties may have some people interested (Madison, etc.) If you know of anyone, please contact Laurie. Donna G. sent an email to all of the people who have requested information. Classes start September – November 13.
- Grow OHIO – Donna G. will send donations amounts by June 30.
- Ecuador trip next year, Feb 9 – 17, \$1350 double, pay your own airfare.
- State Conference presented by Franklin Co. – open for registration by July 5. Dates are September 29-30.
- Sheral set up a MGV booth at Farmers Market in June, she did Pollinators presentation, next will be July 8 Fall Gardening and August 10 Invasive Species. Would be good for other MGVs to help. Contact Sheral to volunteer.
- Karen Mikols – may be doing a garden tour, need a theme and help with organizing. Sue Timins may be interested. Karen will head up the search committee and will need volunteers.
- OSU Memorandum of Understanding is back with the commissioners to sign after the revision. Then to a VP of Finance for final approval. Once approved, we can begin to work on the garden at the Ag Center.
- State Resource money is available; need suggestions to spend \$500 for horticultural education, e.g. microscope. Must be spent in June or July in order to get reimbursement. Perhaps to assist in offering public education at the Ag Center, teaching or marketing material, signage for the garden at Ag Center. Perhaps purchase software to help develop teaching material. Reminder, this will be owned by Extension. Ask the Marketing team for suggestions, Eunice will contact them. Send other suggestions to Eunice.

Old Business: Discussed in Coordinators section

- Fall Training Class
- State Resource Purchase
- Grow Ohio
- Master Gardener State Conference September 29 – 30, 2017

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New Business:

- Ecuador Trip (discussed during coordinators report)

Project Reports:

- AG Center Demonstration Gardens – Dixie Bowen, no report
- August Plant Sale – Karen Long, please sign up in VMS to help on Friday (1 pm) and Saturday. Please forward the flier and like/share on Facebook.
- Covered Bridge Festival – Bea Metz/Kay Nichols, MGCV will have booth and additional tent for a display. Need ideas on what displays, hands-on, demonstrations, sessions, etc.
- Cultivating Community Gardens – Chris Burnard – Donna Maley, community garden in Raymond was proposed. More information to come.
- Home Grown 101 – Al Burnard, another class will be held in July.
- Marketing Committee – Kay Covert, no report
- McCloud Park – Dixie Bowen/Julie Jones - Saturday worked session moved to August 19. Second Saturday in July is on schedule.
 - Road trip options: **Proposed Groovey Plant Ranch** for a road trip, where we can eat in the one-room schoolhouse. Cost would be, \$18-20 PP. **Amity Bloom** is another option, available on July 13 or 17, and specializing in daylilies. Need 8-10 people and daylilies can be purchased. The group voted and confirmed the road trip at **Amity Bloom** on Thursday, July 13, 9:30-10:00, the group will also be having lunch after. Dixie will schedule the event and send an email to confirm. Payment must be by cash or check.
- Project GROW – Julie Jones and Donna Gehring, current schedule will be added to VMS. Garden is productive and healthy thanks to the volunteers and COYC staff and residents.
- Scholarship Committee – Audrey Kise, no report
- Speaker's Bureau – Eunice Hornsby, no report

July Educational Program:

Steve Belcher, "Ask the Expert," pruning, etc. More information to come.