

Union County Master Gardner Monthly Business Meeting 5/22/19

Attendees: Audrey Kise, Penny Rushmore, Laurie Lowe, Mary Salimbene- Merrimen, Chris Bernard, Scheral Greider, Harry K, Terri F., Rebecca H., Joan G., Julie J., Sue T., Kay N., Donna M., Karen L., John W., Eunice H., Virginia G., Pat V., Donna G., Dilu J., Dixie B., Nancy M., _S_ Miller?

7:00 pm Presentation by Chris Kline from Butterfly Ridge, Butterfly Conservation Center.

8:15 pm Business meeting called to order by President, **Julie Jones**

Secretary's Report: **Penny Rushmore for Beth Johnson.** Corrections acknowledged. Report approved.

Treasurer's Report: **Donna Gehring.** Approved

Coordinator's Report:

Eunice:

1. Deadline for T-shirt orders and payment due this evening.
2. Continue to explore possibility of partnering with ORW horticulture program. Will work towards scheduling a presentation by Emily from ORW and/or field trip to ORW.
3. Looking for MG volunteers interested in assisting with the Redesign of the 4H Endowment Garden located on the Union County Fairgrounds, near the sheep barn.

Lori: No report

Old Business:

1. President, **Julie Jones**, reminded members of two upcoming events.
Trip to Groovy Plant Ranch on June 1 and Low Country Boil at Mitchell's Berry Farm Sept. 7. (Must go online to register for this event)
2. Farmer's Market Marysville. Contact **Scheral Greider** if interested in participating. Eight dates are available.

New Business: UCO Industries in Marysville interested in starting a container herb garden that its participants would learn to care for. Joyce Riley at Union Co. Extension to contact Julie Jones with further information.

Committee Reports:

Ag. Center Gardens: **Dixie Bowen** reports that gardens are coming along well. Requests donation of Black Eye Susans for gardens. North side gardens being readied. May use West Central workers to help plant. No work date established at this time. Dixie has spoken with the tourism director for Union Country re: the use of the pollinator garden as possible educational opportunity for visitors.

Plant Sale: **Karen Long** reminds all members of set up and sale dates 8/9 and 8/10. In preparing plant donations members will need to provide their own potting soil. Some donated pots are available. See Karen.

Marketing: No report.

COYC: **Julie Jones** reports that 31 pots have been filled with soil and planted. Union Co. Sheriff's Office sponsoring a cookout fundraiser on 6/28 . Benefits go to COYC to help fund the cost for those youth who qualify to take the GED.

Tour of Gardens 2020 : **Robert Anderton** is seeking co-chair for the garden tour event.

Education: **Mary Salimbene Merriman.** June meeting to be held at Price Farm Organics. July speaker Malisa Spring- Gardening for Dragons. August speaker Robert Anderton- Bonsai.

CCG: **Chris Burnard.** Received \$500.00 grant. Gardens at Tea House to be planted 5/23. Still seeking groups to partner with MG for garden care. Will work with Donald Boerger, mental health liason. Dutch Mill beds 50% planted. Work day on 6/24 9:00 am to remove tulip bulbs and prepare those beds for planting. Tulip bulbs are free for anyone who wants them.

Photo Contest: **Penny Rushmore.** Continue to look for opportunities for photographs. Keep your cell phone or camera handy!

Recognition: **Donna Gehring.** No report.

Scholarship: **Audrey Kise.** \$1000 scholarship awarded to Grant Kessler of MHS. Plans to study Landscape Horticulture and Turf Management at OSU/ATI.