

Volunteer Master Gardeners of Union County
September 23, 2020
Zoom Meeting

Attendance: Julie Jones, Laurie Lowe, Sara Parker, Chris Burnard, Beth Johnson, Dilu Juvarkar, Audrey Kise, Karen Long, Bryan Bumgardner, Bill Paloney, Donna Gehring, Donna Maley, Virginia McCreary, Eunice Hornsby, John Walkup, Jon Weiss, Kay Covert, Kim Gordon, Joan Griffin, Mary Sambilene-Merriman, Kay Nichols, Aleshia Miller, Dixie Bowen, Scheral Greider

Presentation: Lisa Row-Taylor, Bloomfield Meadows, presented "Canning and Preserving Berries." Bloomfield Meadows, located in Centerbury, is (in a normal year) a destination for events and weddings on property. They also have u-pick berries and a fresh farm market, including flowers, berries, vegetables, and herbs grown on site using sustainable practices. Lisa has also been in conversations with ODNR about preserving wetlands. Learn more by visiting: <https://bloomfieldmeadows.com>

- Secretaries Report was submitted by Beth Johnson – Approved & Accepted as written.
- Treasurer Report by Donna Maley – limited activity. reminder all expenses need prior approval send to Donna Maley budget was Accepted & Approved.

Coordinators Report:

- Conference Call with OSU - reports that there **will not be** any in person meetings until 2021.
- Pam Bennett is planning to submit a blanketed exemption for 2021 which includes following guidelines and the demonstration gardens.
- Survey from Pam Bennett regarding comfort level in volunteering all were encouraged to respond,
- 10 continuing education hours are required and 20 volunteer hours COVID 19. Barbi will pull hours. Please complete your time in VMS by Sunday.
- Enter in VMS you hours for education and volunteering. Excess education hours can be used as volunteer using COVID -19 explanation.
- Hort Lunch and Learn will restart in November and continue through the winter. Topics and programing have been well received.
- Record # of produce donations to Chris Burnard. 596.2 # donated
- State conference is now in October 22 and 23rd by Zoom meetings,

President reports that the nominating committee has been formed. Offices of President and Secretary are open. The Committee will report at the October meeting and request vote. Announce new officers in November.

Nominating Committee asked for interest or suggestions

- Bryan Bumgardner,
- Kay Nichols,
- Donna Gehring

Project: **Together while Apart** - idea All Union County Volunteer Master Gardeners will plant a clump of crocus to remind of us early pollinators. Take pictures and share. Julie encourage participation.

Next month October 28, 2020 at 7:00PM. Eric Draper will present. Watch e-mail for invite.

Meeting adjourned. 8:00PM

Respectfully submitted: Beth Johnson