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DCMGA

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Annie Deutsch

MISSION STATEMENT

The Door County Master Gardeners Association, Inc., in partnership with UW-Extension, shall strive to make a positive impact on horticulture in our community through education, community outreach, and stewardship of our environment.



MIKE'S MESSAGE

At the November meeting of our Board of Directors, the Board selected me to serve as the Association's President for another one-year term. I want to express my appreciation to the Board for their vote of confidence. I look forward to another year working with them and the rest of the organization's other officers, Vice President, Christine Gritzmacher, Secretary, Holly Green and Treasurer, Wendy Woldt. During my first two years as President, I often thought about the ways Master Gardener Volunteers earn their volunteer hours; how many volunteer hours were devoted to each of our activities versus the many community outreach projects. So, I set out to see if I could provide a quantifiable determination of how our members earn their hours. To the best of my knowledge, this had never been done by us before. To accomplish this, I sat down with the hours sheets each of you turned in and tried to classify the hours by their activities. Although this was a time consuming activity, I feel it provide some valuable information, some of which I would like to share with you here.

- 106 time sheets were included in this analysis. The average number of hours per member was about 78 hours.
- A total of 6714 hours were provided to our organization's activities (The Garden Door, Plant Sale, Open House, Education Committee, Social Committee, Training Committee, Youth Committee and other organization business.)
- The Plant Sale benefited from the most hours (2199 hours by 90 members), followed by The Garden Door (1913 hrs. by 69 members)
- 1549 hours were earned doing community outreach projects.
- All 106 members earned at least some of their hours participating in at least one of the organization activities noted above.

My plan is to provide members with a full record of how volunteer hours were earned some time in the near future. Hopefully, we will be able to use this data as we plan for the future.

Finally, as we move from the gardening season to the Holiday season, I want to wish everyone a Merry Christmas. If you haven't already done so, please sign up for and attend our annual Christmas Party scheduled on December 9. Every year this has been a wonderful time to celebrate another successful year while sharing Holiday fellowship.

Mike Van Ess

DCMGA
Board
Meeting
Minutes
11-16-16



The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Pres. Mike VanEss.

Board members present: Wendy Woldt, Jim Baxter, Al Romsos, Jim Friederichs, Linda Zolnosky, Marsha Krzyzanowski, Holly Green.

Also present: Doug Henderson.

Secretary's Report: Minutes of the previous meeting were approved with one correction: Linda Lambert was added as a chairman of the Fall Event (Old Business). (Motion by Al R. /sec. by Linda Z.)

Correspondence: Two "thank you" cards were received from the Boys and Girls Club-thanking DCMGA for help and instruction at their Club garden.

New Board Member: Marsha K. was welcomed as a new DCMGA Board member.

Treasurer's Report: \$1650 is the corrected amount for electrical work in budget for Garden Door. (Motion to approve by Holly G. /sec. Jim F.)



Election of Officers: Slate of officers presented: Mike VanEss, President; Chris Gritzmacher, Vice-President; Wendy Woldt, Treasurer; and Holly Green, Secretary. (Motion to accept the slate by Jim F./sec. Al R.) Officers elected by vote of those present. Mike noted that both he and Chris cannot run for another term in their current offices when the current term ends. A new President and Vice-President will be needed when their terms end in November 2017.

Old Business:

Fall Event Survey Results: Pres. Mike V. presented the results of the Fall Event Survey: Out of 106 active members, 49 replied to the survey. 63% would like to continue with a fall event of some sort. Many interesting and varied ideas for demos, contest, food, etc. were received from respondents. However, the number and availability of workers, competition from other county events, the question of food service/prep, etc. were discussed, and a motion was made and passed to not have a fall event in 2017, but to possibly resume the event in future. (Motion by Jim F./sec. Marsha K.)

It was suggested that the Tuesday in the Garden programs be expanded, and that "mini events" could be planned for other times.



New Business:

Annual Committee Report Form: Content of the form was questioned: does it contain information that helps successive supervisors/chairmen learn their responsibilities? Changes will be made to the title of the form, to terms used, a section will be added regarding things successors need to know (past history of area, plans, ideas, successes and failures, etc.), and also a blank area for supervisors to write own observations and thoughts. It was also suggested that a handbook or manual containing past reports and information about each area or job/position be maintained by the current person in that position for future reference.



DCMGA Board Meeting Minutes, cont...

Kile Donation: More than 30 MGs helped fellow MG Lucy Kile with fall clean-up at her home and garden. Lucy is donating \$200 in Tom Kile's name. Suggestions were made for a memorial area or bench in the Garden Door. More ideas welcome.

Note: A \$25 donation from DCMGA will be made to Rotary International in memory of Tom Kile.

WIMGA Grant: In 2016 a \$400 grant was received for youth programs. Pres. Mike V. has applied for a \$250 grant for 2017, to purchase interpretive signage for the GD. The sign is designed to be changed each year.

Christmas Party: A flyer and sign up email was sent containing details of the party.

Committee Reports:

Garden Door: Fall clean-up was well attended, and a second day was added. Three gardens still need supervisors: the rose garden, east perennial bed, and pond garden.

Training: Seven people signed up for new MG class so far.

Education: The recent seminar in Egg Harbor was a success, with a great turnout of 50 people.

Social: Coggin to be contacted regarding Christmas Party plans.

Plant Sale: No report.

Open House: No report.

Annual Meeting: The meeting went well, the banquet was well attended, and Extension Agent Annie Deutsch gave an informative presentation.

Youth: Vicki Daoust is working on plans for next year.

Merchandise: Books are available for discount. Contact Kaylynn.

Newsletter: No report.

Outreach: No report.

Sunshine: Donna Hake has resigned; duties will be added to those of the Secretary. Please contact Holly Green with any card requests.

State Report: DCMGA submits activities information and volunteer hours to the state, which in turn records and files this report. The 2016 reports will be available to the public on the state website, and DCMGA has also received the latest report.

NOTE: The next Board Meeting will be held on **MONDAY**, January 16, 2017 at 5:30 p.m. at **PARS**. The change in day is due to new MG training classes on Wednesdays.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:22 p.m. (Motion by Al R. /sec. Jim F.)





Garden Door Notes by Vicki Dirst

Garden Door Committee Meeting, November 14, 2016

Present: Alan Romsos, Vicki Dirst, Mike Van Ess, Jo Ann Tarczewski, Jim Friedrichs, Barb Henkelmann, Jim Baxter, Barbara Henderson, Doug Henderson, Carol Berglund, Kathy Green, Wendy Woldt, Deborah Javurek, Carrie Sherrill, Nancy Anschutz, Ronda Schomburg

Call to Order: Jim B. called the meeting to order at 5:30.

Treasurers Report: Wendy handed out the Treasurer's report. Mike said he had additional cash from the donation box. Wendy explained how she deals with unpaid dues. The state share is due Jan. 15th.

Open Positions: Jim B. made opening comments. Mike reported his results of an analysis of timesheets in terms of volunteer hours at TGD. The pond garden (not the pond per se) still needs a supervisor. Jeanne Vogel and Gretchen Schmelzer have expressed interest in being part of the east perennial bed team. Others are welcome to join the team. Ronda said she is willing to coordinate the Garden Next Door, but is reluctant to handle mowing the grass. Mike said the people with beds should share responsibility for the paths. He added that if we wish to eliminate the grass paths we would have to talk to Matt Stasiak. Alan said Matt was unhappy with the way the Garden Next Door looked this year. There was brief discussion of the donation box.

Fall Clean-up: Jim B. said the event was well attended and much work was accomplished. The following week several people did intensive work on the east perennial bed. The sale of removed plants is planned for next year.

Tuesday in TGD: Jim B. said this went well and will be repeated next year, maybe monthly from May through September. He urged people to think of topics to speak about.

Kiosk: Jim B. talked to the county parks director and found that their kiosks cost \$1,155, excluding pouring concrete and manpower. The overall total is around \$1,800. Nancy asked where the kiosk would be placed. Jim's idea was one corner of the parking lot. Barb Henkelmann asked if members could do the labor. Jim said he thought so. Wendy talked about a stockpile of treated posts that she has available. Nancy asked who the kiosk would benefit. Jim listed a number of possibilities. The objective is to fulfill our education mission. Mike said it would be nice to have a place for brochures. Vicki and Doug said it didn't work well when we had the containers for handouts on the shed. Doug said our organization has built a number of garden structures in the past, and we now have two or three times as many members. He is concerned that TGD used to be a crucial part of our educational program and he wonders what has changed. Jim B. said we are now in the mode of maintaining TGD as opposed to creating it, which was what Doug was talking about. Doug said that taking plants from TGD away from the plant sale to directly benefit portions of TGD is not a desirable way to go. Jo Ann asked for a breakdown of the budget for each area of the garden. Jim and Mike said it will be sent out by email. Vicki said she didn't think the kiosk would significantly benefit our organization. Jim said a kiosk is in our strategic plan. Doug asked for the final version of that plan.

Garden Door Committee Meeting, cont...

Garden Door Supervisor Reports: Jim B. said the only report he has so far is his own. Barb Henkelmann said she sent hers to Mike. Jim said these reports are really important to people taking over an area of the garden.

Garden Plant Lists: Jim B. said we still don't have plant lists for some areas of the garden. Mike urged people to please prepare the lists (at least as much as you remember). Barbara Henderson asked if we have a labeler. Jim said yes, Holly Green.

Electrical Work: Alan said Stauber Electric has just completed the electrical work.

Phase II Paver Project: Doug moved that the committee appoint a subcommittee for the phase II of the paver project and specifically asking for at least two estimates and that the estimates include all of the gravel paths and dividing the estimate into three parts including the shade garden path, the paths through the tunnel and the remaining paths. Wendy said for the tunnel it would need to include a paved path to the tunnel. Doug said the specifics could be determined by the subcommittee. Alan has paver related information from Tim from two years ago that amounted to \$35,000 for just the remaining gravel paths. Doug reinforced the idea of getting estimates from at least two vendors. Wendy seconded the motion. Mike said the status of the station has not improved and actually is worse, so he is concerned about putting more money into capital improvements when we don't know the long term prospects for the garden. If we are spending another \$10,000 or more for paths, what are we gaining? The motion passed, but without great enthusiasm. Alan voted "no." Wendy said more money might be available for the paver project. Mike cautioned not to take up too much space with pavers. Doug, Wendy and Kaylynn Litersky will serve on the subcommittee. Doug will organize the effort. Let him know if you wish to serve.

Pedestrian Counter: Alan said the counter tallied 6,225 entries for the entire season, but roughly 2,000 additional exits. The discrepancy is puzzling.

Designated Brush Area: Nancy said Chriss Daubner has requested a designated brush area at the compost site. Alan will talk to Matt Stasiak about this at the annual meeting with him.

2017 Interpretive Sign for TGD: Mike got a WIMGRA grant for an interpretive sign. He asked the committee what topic to address on the sign for 2017. Several people expressed support for the topic of pollinators.

Training Class Involvement in TGD: Carrie said as of today we have six class members and she expects more. Jo Ann said in the past we have had the class work on the butterfly garden and the pond. She suggested the rose garden as a class project. Carrie said we need to avoid overwhelming the class with mandatory tasks. She supports continuing with the annual beds, saying it is a great team building activity. Carrie said there has been discussion on how to get the class members to continue their involvement with TGD in their second year. Barb Henkelmann thought it was a good idea for people to have a mentor. Jim said that's available but we don't want to assign mentors. Carrie and Jim talked about the need to form individual relationships to get help. Ronda recommended setting up a regular work day like at Crossroads.

Burning Bush: Jim B. said he has a burning bush in the west end of the grass garden. He learned that this year a burning bush (probably this very same plant) was added to the DNR's list of invasive species. Since it is a gorgeous plant and provides needed shade at that location he proposed placing a sign to identify the plant and tell potential issues. It is seeding all around it and birds eat the seeds and spread the plant. After further discussion he concluded that he will cut it down and possibly replace it with a cedar pole lattice.

Donation in Memory of Tom Kile: Mike said Lucy Kile appreciated all the help members provided to clean up her garden. She has made a donation to our organization to buy something for TGD to memorialize her husband Tom. The decision about a suitable memorial will be made at a later date.

Other Discussion: Wendy said she sends letters of thanks to people making notable donations. This includes non-members donating plants for the plant sale. Nancy reminded people to get a list of annuals/vegetables for use in TGD in 2017 to Karen Kidd ASAP for greenhouse planning. Nancy also reported on an email from Kaylynn asking people to use more pansies next year and choose a color scheme.

The meeting adjourned at 7:44. **The next meeting will be January 9th at 5:30 at PARS.**

ANNUAL MEETING & BANQUET

Wednesday, Oct 5th

at The Log Den

On October 5th DCMG members and their guests met at The Log Den in Egg Harbor for the 2016 annual meeting and banquet. After a brief cocktail gathering, they moved into a separate room surrounded by The Log Den's woodsy style and with centerpieces provided by the DCMGA that included many varieties of grasses from The Garden Door. President Mike Van Ess welcomed all 66 participants before dinner, which was served family style. It included baked chicken and pork tenderloin with cherry-port sauce, or a vegetarian entry, accompanied by dressing, potatoes, gravy, coleslaw, steamed vegetables and rolls, and concluded with cherry crisp and coffee or milk.

After dinner, Mike Van Ess called the annual meeting to order and asked for comments on the Secretary's minutes of the 2015 meeting, which were approved without amendment. The Treasurer's report for the fiscal year (Oct. 1, 2015 - Sept. 30, 2016) and the proposed DCMGA budget for fiscal year (Oct. 1, 2016 - Sept. 30, 2017) were summarized and approved by the members. (Minutes and reports were sent to members before the meeting.) Mike then highlighted some of the DCMGA events, programs, and activities in which members volunteered and participated during the past year and discussed some of the events and challenges anticipated for the coming year, for which MGV participation is crucial for success. He encouraged members to respond to the electronic DCMGA survey about the fall event for 2017. Mike also recognized the many contributions that outgoing Board member Jim McFarlin has made by his volunteer efforts, exemplified by the new raised beds and the healthy pond at The Garden Door. Four Board of Directors members were elected: new member Marsha Krzyzanowski, and returning members Jim Friedrichs, Holly Green and Wendy Woldt.

The meeting also included recognition of DCMGVs who achieved milestones in education hours, volunteer hours, or special categories determined by the DCMGA awards committee for which Kerry Vavra described and presented the awards.

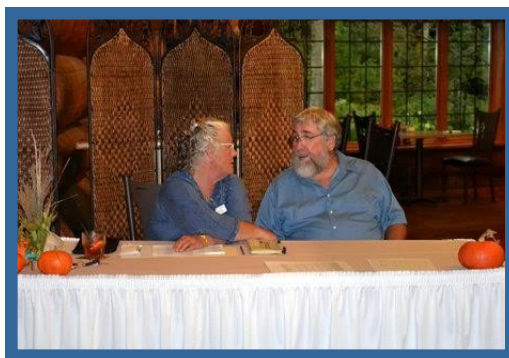
After the meeting adjourned, Annie Deutsch presented "A Year in Review" about her experiences during 2015-2016 as the UW-Extension Agricultural Agent for Door and Kewaunee counties. First, she gave us a brief summary of "where I'm from" that included her family's roots in Door County for at least four generations. She described some current research programs at the Peninsular Agricultural Research Station related to Wisconsin's fruit crops and comparison of pests and phenology between Door County and Madison. Annie participated in agricultural education programs, including a "Farm Technology Day" in Kewaunee County and a "vineyard walk" in Door County. The latter was attended by 29 people from seven Wisconsin counties and one in Illinois, showing the wide interest in commercial grape growing here. Annie described invasive insect species that we should be on the lookout for: the European Chafer (grubs in turf soil) and Brown Marmorated Stink Bug (targets many grain and fruit crops, and is a home nuisance). She encouraged us to share our observations and samples of invasive insects with her at the Sturgeon Bay UW-Extension office and the Door County Invasive Species Team (DIST), typically by email with photos. Another study she described investigated the difference in soil microbes (fungi and bacteria) to determine the effects of manure and tillage on breakdown of plant and animal material in soil, compared to undisturbed forest soil.



**DCMGA
Members
at
The
Log Den**



Annie described the 2016 Plant Health Advisor (PHA) educational program that she revived in Door County in which six DCMGV's answered 31 horticultural questions received by telephone or email from the public over a 14-week span. PHA volunteers were trained in spring to provide research-based information to help home gardeners with their concerns during the growing season. In 2017, Annie wants to build on this year's experience to expand the PHA program from Brussels to Washington Island, while increasing scheduling flexibility for MGVs who participate in the program.





President Mike VanEss and seven smiling members!



DCMGA 2016 Awards



Above and Beyond Award

Christine Gritzmacher



Outstanding Service Award

Carrie Sherrill
Karen Kidd
Alan Romsos



Garden Door (Shed) Award Picture

Barbara Henkelmann
Barbara Ottum
Nancy Anschutz
Vickie Daoust



Kerry Vavra presented awards to these very deserving members.

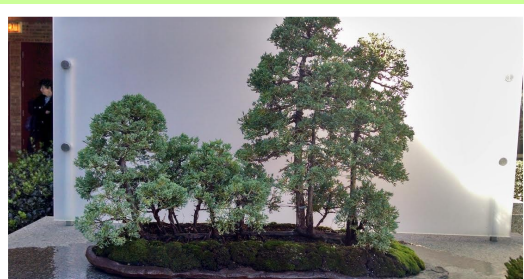
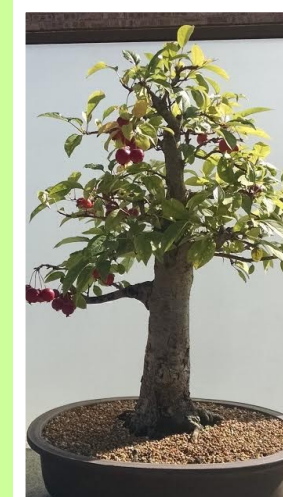


A day in early October at the Chicago Botanic Garden



Early October and it's my daughter, Erin's birthday. As always, we can't resist a fall trip to Chicago Botanic Garden. The beauty is beyond description. On this day we make our way to the garden's collection of 200 bonsai, on rotating display as each bonsai reaches the peak of its beauty. 50 bonsai are on display in the two courtyards of the Regenstein Center from April 1-October 1, weather permitting. Fortunately it's a very warm October!

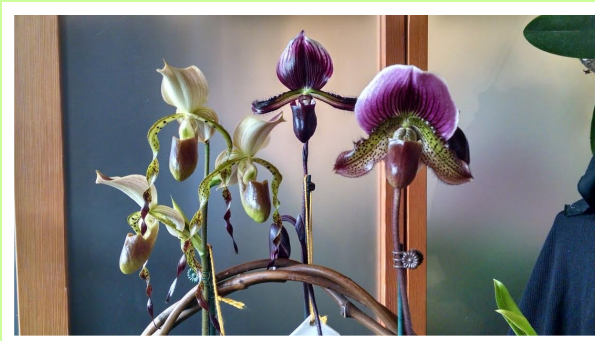
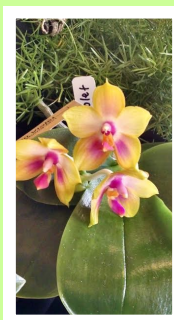
The bonsai at the left is Ginkgo biloba 'Chi-Chi', donated by Japanese bonsai master Susumu Nakamura.



While at the garden, we pickup some wonderful bulbs at the bulb sale and view spectacular orchids at a juried orchid show. What a great fall day!

Another orchid show is planned for February 11- March 26, 2017. More than 10,000 orchids will be on display.

Jeanne White





TOM KILE

If you read the obituary for Tom Kile, it was obvious that he was a Navy man. What I hadn't known was that he was a graduate of the US Naval Academy. When I thought about it, I realized that I should not have been surprised. The mission of the US Naval Academy is *"To develop Midshipmen morally, mentally and physically and to imbue them with the highest ideals of duty, honor and loyalty in order to graduate leaders who are dedicated to a career of naval service and have potential for future development in mind and character to assume the highest responsibilities of command, citizenship and government."* I can't think of a better description of Tom.

Tom demonstrated the core values of this mission – duty, honor, loyalty – for all that he did. Certainly, they encompassed his involvement in Door County Master Gardeners. As a member, he demonstrated his duty to the organization by his involvement in much of what we do. He played an integral role in committees; he was there to help at events and in The Garden Door. His honor was shown in a genuine commitment to the organization without any interest in self-aggrandizement or special recognition. His loyalty to the organization was unquestioned. He was always there to help with all that we do. You could always count on Tom being there to help.

Organizations hope to have members like Tom and are made stronger by having members like Tom. With his passing, we are less of an organization. But Tom's contributions will live on. It's unlikely that our organization's memory of him will fade anytime soon.

Mike VanEss

DCMGA COMMITTEES



COMMITTEE	Chairman/Coordinator
Awards	Kerry Vavra
Banquet	Christine Gritzmacher
Education	Chris Holicek
Garden Door	Grounds Alan Romsos
	Plants Jim Baxter
	Financial Nancy Anschutz
Newsletter	Jeanne White
Open House	Open
Outreach	Open
Plant Sale	Karen Kidd
Publicity	Mike VanEss
Risk Management	Jim Baxter
Shed - Area Supervisor	Kathie Vavra
Social	Coggin Heeringa
Sunshine	Holly Green (as part of her Secretarial duties)
Fall Event	Currently Suspended (Possible consideration in the future)
Training	Gary Kemp
WIMGA	Gary Kemp
Youth Program	Vickie Daoust

MANY THANKS TO ALL OUR VOLUNTEERS!

Please consider volunteering for one of the open positions.

AMAZON SMILE

The shopping season is upon us! An account has been set up for Door County Master Gardeners on Amazon Smile. Amazon donates 0.5% of the value of merchandise purchased by individuals who register with Amazon for a specific charity.

How does Amazon Smile work?

- **When first visiting AmazonSmile, customers are prompted to select a charitable organization from almost one million eligible organizations. In order to browse or shop at AmazonSmile, customers must first select a charitable organization. For eligible purchases at AmazonSmile, the AmazonSmile Foundation will donate 0.5% of the purchase price to the customer's selected charitable organization.**
- **To select Door County Master Gardeners as your organization click on this link: <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/39-1914259>.**
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What a wonderful way to put some additional funds in our organization for future projects!



DCMGA Goals

Goal 1: Participation—Increase participation in maintaining The Garden Door.

Goal 2: Education—Enhance The Garden Door as an educational tool and teaching instrument.

Goal 3: Invasive Species—Eliminate officially listed invasive species from The Garden Door and educate members and the public on invasive species.

Opportunities in The Garden Door

- Plant label making (do this in the comfort of your home!)
- East Perennial Bed (join the team with Jeanne Vogel and Gretchen Schmelzer)
- Rose Garden
- Tunnel Garden Assistant
- Pond Garden (planting area surrounding pond)
- Pond Maintenance (need more team members, please volunteer)
- Greenhouse Supervisor
- Garden Next Door (Rhonda is interested; care to join her?)

Please contact Jim Baxter: jhbax@yahoo.com if you are interested in one of these positions. It's a great way to meet other Master Gardeners!

Tuesday Night Education Programs at Crossroads

1/10/17 What's New for 2017- Kori Zawojski

1/17/17 The Unseen World of Insect Communication - Annie Deutsch

Watch for more announcements as we look toward 2017!

DCMGA Christmas Party

SEVASTAPOL TOWN HALL

Friday, December 9th, at 6pm

Chicken and non-alcoholic beverages provided.

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Event: PARS=Research Station Classroom, CRBC=Crossroads at Big Creek, TGD = The Garden Door

JANUARY 2017

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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