

Washington County Master Gardeners  
Tuesday, August 1, 6:30 pm

There were 98 members in attendance.

Gail Pianalto called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

Minutes from June 2017, were approved as presented on the website.

Treasurer's report from June 2017, were approved as presented on the website.

Gail announced the passing of Ronita Petty, 1960-2017. Ronita was a former president of WCMG. Memorial donations may be made to Botanical Garden of the Ozarks.

**Old Business:**

Joyce Mendenhall announced the Master Gardener Years of Service Awards:

Lifetime Plus, 20 years: Delcina Cunico, LaDeana Mullinex

Lifetime, 15 years: John Borbas, Shirley Gunnels, Kerri Russell

10 Year: Wilma Bonds, Mary Crumley Judy Hammond, Lorraine Heartfield, Judy Hyden, Kathy Launder, Lynn Sheridan, Truman Stamps, Susan Young

5 Year: Linda Auman, Anita Bukey, Tanya Collins, Susan Dawson, Ken Fladie, Jan Judy, Jody Miskell, Marty Powers, Bill Ross, Kitty Sanders, Tiffany Selvey, Nancy Sloan

**New Business:**

Jan Lefler announced that the corrections and revisions to the bylaws were printed in the August issue of the *Garden Thyme*, pp 7-8. Voting will be at the September WCMG meeting. Any concerns or clarifications should be addressed to Jan.

Joyce announced the recommended slate of officers for 2018. Voting will take place at the September meeting.

President, Judy Smith  
Vice President, Susan Young  
Karen Jech, Treasurer  
Carol Butler, Secretary  
Jim Maclean, officer at large  
Nita Winston, officer at large  
Elizabeth Woods, officer at large

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Nancy Sloan, Project co-chair, presented the recommendation that the Veteran's Facility Garden at the VA Hospital be selected as a Sanctioned Project. Alan Jarrett will serve as project leader. Several gardeners who are veterans are already on board to assist. One of their goals is to provide food for homeless veterans. The project will be fully funded by the Veterans Hospital. The motion was made and approved to accept the Veteran's Facility Garden as a new sanctioned project.

Joyce Mendenhall presented a power point on the history of the Sensory Garden at the Botanical Garden of the Ozarks. BGO became a sanctioned project in 1999. The Master Gardeners voted to purchase the Sensory Garden for \$12,000 plus volunteer hours in 2007. Barton Memorial Butterfly Fountain (\$5000) was commissioned in 2007 by local artist Hank Kaminsky. Both the Sensory Garden and Memorial Fountain were dedicated in 2008. The Botanical Garden of the Ozarks has already replaced the permeable walkway and will contribute \$2000 to repair the canvas on the metal flowers. After ten years wear and tear on the garden structures a committee was formed this year to look into repair and restore options. The committee suggested replacing the fountain with a design provided by Sonny Sartwell for \$3000. The motion was made and seconded (Betty Swope, Shery Sisco) to use money from the general funds for this project. It was unanimously approved. Gail stressed that donations from the general membership could also be made to offset the expenses. A \$200 donation has already been received.

### **Announcements:**

Photo winners for July, theme "Annuals": 1<sup>st</sup> place, Mary McCully, Butterfly Buffet; 2<sup>nd</sup> Joyce Mendenhall, Peppermint Zinnia; 3<sup>rd</sup> Bill Ross, Mushroom Among the Impatiens. Theme for August is "Insects in the Garden." Deadline to submit photographs is Aug. 15.

The PNG leadership conference dates are Sept 26-27. Registration is extended.

Annuals to Perennials Conference registration is open until Aug 11. This conference is for first year MG and mentees/mentors. Conference date is Aug 18 with Janet Carson.

Mary Crumley announced fair sign-up sheets were available in the foyer. Workdays are on the 19<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>.

Business meeting adjourned at 7:10 pm.

Judy Smith announced Master Naturalists native plant sale at the September meeting, 4:30-6:30 PM. A preorder form will be sent out on Mail chimp.

The guest speaker was Steve Dobbs, Landscape Services Director, Oklahoma State University, Stillwater OK. Steve shared the evolution of developing the gardens at OSU using many natives and other plants suited for the fluctuating environment in Stillwater. He shared both the

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successes and failures of different cultivars. Their use of different color combinations that go with orange and the installation of “living” sculptures enhances the beauty of their campus.