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November Monthly Meeting 2019

Congratulations Class of 2019!

A warm welcome to our newest members of the Douglas County Extension Master Gardeners family! We look forward to your participation in our organization in the years to come!

Our monthly meeting will be followed by our graduation/awards luncheon on Saturday, November 16th. Our meeting will be in the Dreher Building from 9 am to 10 am, followed by the brunch in the Foley Community Building at 10:30 am. Don’t forget that we are doing our part for sustainability – so remember to bring your own dishes/silverware for the brunch!

News from Sharon

It’s that time of year folks. As the gardening season winds down don’t forget to enter your hours. Please do your level best to enter your hours under the correct categories. For example, anything you do that relates to next year’s Garden Show should be entered under the category ‘Public Events’ and subcategory ‘Garden Show (Spring Fair)’. The exception is garden art. Anything to
do with garden art should be entered under category ‘Fundraising’, subcategory ‘Garden Art Development’. Thank you, this will save me several hours of re-categorizing activities.

Also while you’re preparing your garden for fall, why don’t you pick up some reading for the colder weather to come. Remember, we have an EMG library. Come check it out and take a book home to read. Check out slips are on the shelf with the books.

Congratulations to Tom Buller

Tom will be recognized with a Culture of Health Award from the Healthy Kids Workgroup of LiveWell Douglas County at their Celebration Breakfast on Friday, November 15. Here’s the link to a quick note on the event: The 2019 LiveWell Douglas County Celebration Breakfast – November 15, 7:30 – 9:00 AM. Open to the public.

Last Chance Advanced Education Opportunities

  November 8, 10am PT (8:00 am CST) Presented USA National Phenology Network. Register here: [https://learn.extension.org/events/3687](https://learn.extension.org/events/3687)

- **Tree Talks**: Nov. 13, 8:00 pm at Maceli’s, 1031 New Hampshire, Lawrence.

- **Local Food System Update and Reception**: Saturday, Nov. 16 from 4-6 pm at the Santa Fe Depot, 413 E. 7th St., Lawrence. Learn about the Dg. County Food Policy Council and the local food system. YES, this is 2 hours of advanced education credit that includes food tasting!

- **Webinar**: Health Benefits of City Trees: Research Evidence & Economic Values. Nov. 19, 1-2 pm (CST) [https://learn.extension.org/events/3708](https://learn.extension.org/events/3708)

- **Tool Sharpening Workshop**: See description below.

- **EMG COOKIE SWAP!!!** See description below.

**Upcoming Events:**

**Tool Sharpening Workshop – Nov. 22**

Stan Ring has offered to give an instructional class on “how to sharpen garden tools.” This class is limited to hand tools we use in the garden. The date is November 22, 2019, at 1:00 pm., in North Room of Dreher, the
same room that we have our EMG meetings. Plus, Tom Buller has approved the one hour class to be used towards education for this year.

Each person needs to bring one hand tool, file, sandpaper, and rags. Detailed information regarding the type of file and sandpaper will be sent out next week.

Please reply to kathyplaysindirt@gmail.com, if you will be attending as we need a general idea of how many tables to set up.

**December Cookie Swap with Advanced Education Opportunity – Dec. 12th**

Come for an hour of education (whether or not you need it), bring cookies, eat cookies, take cookies home. Save the date for the “last advanced education and cookie swap” event **on Thursday, Dec. 12th** from 5:30 to 7:00 pm. The theme for the advanced education in December is garden design – something to take with us into winter. This year I’m going to see if I can’t stream an episode of a gardening show (thanks to Laura Ross for this great idea).

**NEWSLETTER QUIZ FOR NOVEMBER!**

A Two-parter this month!

The chrysanthemum is considered the flower of November and is popular all around the world.

1) Depending on the color and the (world) culture, what four emotions do chrysanthemums represent?
2) In China, flowers/plants represent seasons, with the chrysanthemum for fall. What flowers/plants represent the other seasons?
3) Extra credit – What is the name given for this grouping of flowers/plants in China?

Send your answers to me at bekheck@gmail.com by 5pm on Thursday, Nov. 14th.

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**Organizational Meetings for Members**

**Extension Master Gardener Executive Board Meeting**

**October 9, 2019**

**Present:** Ron Spangler, Cindy Hornberger, Nancy Smelser, Mary Dilkon, Andrea Verbanic, Judy Adams, Susan Rendall, Sharon Ashworth, Sharon Laverentz,

Absent (with notice), Jane Stiles-Potts
Guest: Laura Ross

President Nancy Smelser called the meeting to order at 9AM.

Laura Ross presented her grant proposal, which involved ordering daylilies and flagstones for the Fairgrounds Demonstration Garden. Laura would like to increase the size of the lily bed with the idea of eventually having it accepted by the National Daylily Association as a National Daylily Display bed. This designation could encourage daylily enthusiasts from around the area to visit the garden.

Cindy Hornberger moved that the board provide a grant of $550.00 for this project. Mary Dillon seconded. Motion passed.

President’s Report:

The nominating committee has several who have agreed to serve in at-large positions on the board, one candidate for treasurer, and one candidate for PR. They are working to find candidates for the positions of president, secretary and vice-president.

A by-law change was suggested in September concerning the president and treasurer staying on the board for the first quarter of the year following the end of their term. This will allow an easier transition for the in-coming president and treasurer. Since this is a by-law change it will have to be approved by the membership at the October meeting.

Vice-president’s report:

Cindy Hornberger presented a list of advanced education programs for next year. She is working to confirm three presentations, seven are confirmed and she is seeking a qualified presenter for two topics.

Cindy next presented a document compiled by members of her committee on sustainability. The committee listed six areas in which EMGs could support/encourage sustainability efforts in the community. Several advanced education topics in 2020 will focus on this topic. She also suggested that the garden tour in 2021 highlight sustainability.

Handbook changes were reviewed and discussed. Susan Rendall moved and Judy Adams seconded that the changes be approved. Motion passed.

The Handbook appendices were also reviewed. Cindy moved that the old list of priorities be eliminated and replaced by the current strategic plan. Susan Rendall seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Secretary’s report: none

Treasurer’s report:

Account balance as of 9/18/19 was $29,588.63. Expenses for the month amounted to $610.00 and income was $719.50. As of 10/8/19 the account balance is $29,697.86 with $6,989.54 remaining in the budget and $450.00 left in grant money. Jr. EMG budget balance is $4,771.00.

Approval of bills:

Margaret Kramer -$74.80 – demo garden plants

Sharon Laverentz moved and Susan Rendall seconded that the expense be approved contingent on Kevin Nelson’s OK. Motion passed.
Andrea Verbanic - $187.68 – daffodil bulbs

Sharon L moved and Judy Adams seconded the expense be approved. Motion passed.

Susan Rendall suggested that in the future, garden coordinators be given the opportunity to order in bulk from AES. The plants could be ordered in the winter and delivered in the spring in time for planting. This would save all the demo gardens a lot of money. A minimum of ten flats must be ordered (32 plants per flat).

Susan also suggested that the 2021 Garden tour focus on sustainability as that is one of our main EMG goals in the strategic plan.

Susan Rendall and Laura Ross agreed to take the AES list and write out descriptions of plants the gardens may be interested in ordering. This will make it easier for the coordinators to figure out what would work at their site.

Jeff and Mary Weinberg sent the board a thank-you note and a $25 donation for the tour they took of the Monarch Watch. A donation form will be sent to them.

A new line item in the budget was suggested. It would be called “Special Project Funds” and would contain money from ‘unexpected’ sources such as donations, prize money or special events such as the Enchanted Evening at Susan Rendall’s last July. Susan Rendall moved that this new line item be approved. Cindy Hornberger seconded. Motion passed.

It was suggested that the board contribute up to $100 in addition to the $100 donated by the Extension Council to purchase a tree in memory of Sharon Ashworth’s mother. Ron Spangler moved that the money be donated. Cindy Hornberger seconded. Motion passed. Cindy moved that the money be taken from the Administration account. Susan Rendall seconded. Motion passed.

Laptop purchase for the office of treasurer: after some discussion the decision was made to table the purchase.

Susan Rendall reported she has received reports from all committee chairs concerning how their activities this year reflected the goals of the strategic plan.

Judy Adams reported that the budget committee is readying the 2020 budget report and will present it by the November meeting.

Sharon Ashworth will send out a form for nominations for the November awards brunch.

The November 16th monthly meeting will begin at 9AM in Dreher and the brunch will begin around 10:30AM in Flory. There will be no advanced education at the November meeting. Sharon Ashworth will check to see if we can pay to have the tables set up for the brunch.

Sharon Laverentz moved that the meeting adjourn. Judy Adams seconded. Motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 11:30 AM.

Respectfully submitted, Sharon Laverentz, secretary

Extension Master Gardener Business Meeting
October 16, 2019
President Nancy Smelser called the meeting to order at 9AM.

The class of 2012 provided treats and door prizes.

Darlene Harrell moved that the minutes, as printed in the Update, be approved. Jeanne Klein seconded. Motion passed.

**President’s Report:**

Nancy read the proposed by-law change for the second time. It was also printed in the Update. The proposed addition to Article 5, item F of the by-laws reads as follows: The outgoing president and treasurer agree to serve in an advisory capacity as needed for the first quarter of the year following the end of their term.

After discussion, Bekki Heckman moved that the by-laws change be approved with the words “The outgoing president and treasurer---" changed to “The outgoing president and/or treasurer---". Jeanne Klein seconded the motion. The amended motion passed.

The membership will vote on new EMG officers at the November meeting.

**Vice-President’s Report:**

Vice-President Cindy Hornberger introduced the members of the Sustainability committee. They are Jeanne Klein, Chris Sundstrom, and Margaret Karmar.

One more advanced education program is needed to complete the 2020 schedule.

**Secretary’s report:** none

**Treasurer’s report:**

The account balance as of 9/8/2019 was $29,588.63. Income between 9/8 and 10/8 was $719.50 and expenses were $610.27, leaving a current account balance of $29,697.86. The amount remaining in the 2019 budget is $6,989.54.

**Public Relations Report:** none

**Members-at-large:**

Judy Adams: no report

Susan Rendall: Susan asked the chair of each demo garden to report on how their 2019 activities fulfilled the strategic plan. She heard from every garden and all of those gardens had done several activities, which fit in nicely with the strategic plan.

Jane Stiles-Potts: absent with notice

Bekki Heckman reminded the membership of the hyper-tufa workshop at her house this Friday, Oct. 18. The workshop is from 10AM to 3PM. Bring a sack lunch. She also requested that all members save bags with foil lining such as chip, coffee or dog food bags. You can bring them to the November meeting.
Horticulture Agents Report:

Sharon Ashworth reminded us that the deadline for turning in nominations for the EMG awards is November 1st. Please give them to Sharon. She also reminded everyone to TURN IN YOUR HOURS.

Committee Reports:

Mentoring Committee: In Megan's absence Ginny Turvey took charge of the mentor lunch. It went very well.

Hoop House Committee: Thelma Simons asked anyone who would like to serve on the Hoop House committee to let her know. She also asks that all members look around for gardening items they can donate for the garage sale in the spring.

Hospitality Committee: Sharon Laverentz passed around the sign-up sheet for the November Awards presentation and brunch. There will also be a place on the EMG website to sign-up.

Jr EMG: Debbie Zabel thanked everyone who helped with the Jr EMG group at New York School

Monarch Watch Demo Garden: Kevin Nelson displayed signs painted by Kathy Bourgeois, painted on slabs of black walnut she got from a tree that had been in Teresa Trainer’s garden. The signs will go in the Monarch Watch garden and the fairy garden hidden in the fairgrounds garden.

Fairgrounds Demo Garden: Laura Ross explained that she has been given an EMG grant to transform an area of the Fairgrounds Demonstration Garden into a lily bed. Her goal is to create a bed that will meet the requirements to be registered with the National Day Lily Association. When that happens the site would be listed on their website as a display garden and we would begin to attract visitors from the Kansas and Missouri day lily groups as well as others.

Unfinished business: none

New Business: none

Thelma Simons moved the meeting adjourn. Chris Sundstrom seconded. The meeting adjourned at 10AM and was followed by a presentation on African Violets led by Vickie Avery and Lori Nelson.

Sharon Laverentz, Secretary