

Rutland County Master Gardeners' Meeting - Minutes from April 15, 2024

The Rutland County Master Gardeners' meeting was held on April 15, 2024 at the Godnick Center and via zoom. Jan Sherman started the meeting at 6:00 p.m.

Steering team members present were: Jan Sherman, Jerri Hoffman, Patti Westburg, Rita Gylys, Deb Bieg, Carol Kluchinski, Al Jackson and Lynn Gould.

Master gardeners' and interns present were: Liz Morton, Shawn DuBois, Karen Kay, Nancy Bernier, Linda McGuire, Ken Kolano and Mary Ashcroft.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the March 18, 2024 secretary's report. Deb Big gave the treasurer's report. Deb Bieg will be sending the financial report for the chapter to UVM. Jan approved the treasurer's report.

Chapter Projects

Rita Gylys is working on new signage for the plant sale. We will be using \$50.00 from the advertising budget for this.

Fairgrounds will be having a work day on Friday, April 26th starting at 9:00 am. Pine Hill Park will also be having a work day on Saturday, April 27th starting at 9:00am and will be partnering with the rec center to get the gardens cleaned up and mulched.

Nancy Bernier and Mary Ashcroft will be doing a Master Gardeners' presentation at the Parker House in Rutland talking about house plants and seed starting.

The Community Canopy Program will be giving Rutland residents two free trees. Sign up starts today. You can reserve your trees at tcommunityforestry.org/trees To be picked up on Thursday, May 30th , 3:30-5:30 at the Vermont Farmers Food Center building on West Street. The choices are American Hornbeam ironwood), Red Maple, River Birch, Serviceberry, Swamp White Oak, and Winterberry. 2- gallon pots 4-6 feet.

Memorial Plaque has been finished. Jan picked it up and showed the group. It will be hung at the fairgrounds during the fair.

Patti Westburg said that she will be sending out information on the Plant Sale dig and pots very soon. Hope to start them on the week of April 22nd.

Jan said that the new master gardeners' class will have 13 new interns to join our group. There will be a meet and greet on May 20th starting at 5:30 at the Godnick Center. We will be having a pot luck. Liz Morton will help coordinate the pot luck dinner. Project leaders will be talking about their chapters' project.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:45 p.m. The speaker had to cancel tonight. Next meeting will be May 20th.

Respectfully submitted,
Patti Westburg - EMG 2012