

Rutland County Master Gardeners' Meeting - Minutes from January 16, 2023

The Rutland County Master Gardeners' meeting was held via zoom on January 16, 2023. Jan Sherman started the meeting at 6:00 p.m.

Steering team members present were: Patti Westburg, Jan Sherman, Jerri Hoffman and Deb Bieg.

Master Gardener's and interns present were: Linda Greeno, Julie Bilodeau, Nancy Bernier, Rich Carlson, Joe Whitehead, Carol Kluchinski and Al Jackson.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes from October 17, 2022 meeting.

Deb Bieg gave the treasurer's report. Six people were reimbursed for the state conference meeting. Money was approved to move from the state conference line to the scholarship line to approve an additional scholarship in a past steering team meeting for the Master Gardeners' 2023 course. Deb made a clarification that under the compost line the expense was noted for compost printing information when it was actually for building materials for repairs to the compost booth. She will correct it for the next meeting. A motion was made and seconded to approve the treasurer's report.

Jan Sherman spoke of the Steering Team Committee transitions. There are a few people interested in joining the committee. Jan is going to check with other members to see if they want to continue in that role. More Information at the next meeting.

Scholarship Committee report

Thank you to Al Jackson and Deb Bieg for taking on this task. There were four scholarship applications for the 2023 Master Gardener's course. After some discussion with the Scholarship Committee (Jan Sherman, Patti Westburg, Jerri Hoffman, Al Jackson and Deb Bieg) it was decided all four were worthy of the scholarship awards. The following people were awarded scholarships from our chapter: Dana Jones, Robin Ogg, Kelly Sue Keith and Collin Whitehouse. They will be joining our chapter to volunteer after they complete the course.

Speaker updates from Kathy Hall - information sent to Jan Sherman

February 20

Via zoom and in person is Martha Molnar. The topic will be Playing God in the Meadow, How I have learned to love my weeds.

March 20

Dr. Ann Hazelrigg, Professor at UVM's plant diagnostic center. The topic will be some pest and plant diseases that we should be alerted too. And the latest information on jumping worms.

April 17

Jim Corven - A retired professor of sustainable agriculture. The topic will be organic gardening, biofertilizer's and the farmer-to-farmer program.

May 15

Erika Bodin - The topic will be herbalism. She will be doing a workshop on herbal salve made of infused oils combined with beeswax. This workshop will require a RSVP.

South East chapters will also be zooming some of these speakers. The list of speakers will be sent to the Rutland Garden Club.

Minor Protection Training Requirements/ Background Checks

A reminder if you have not completed this training, please do so. Deb Heleba sent out a link for this to be done. The Background check will have to be done by project leaders. Please print out and have it signed in front of a Notary.

If you have not filled out your volunteer hours for this year, please do so. You have until January 31st .

Meeting was adjourned at 6:40 p.m. Next meeting will be held in person and via zoom at the Godnick Center on February 20, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Patti Westburg - EMG, 2012