

Rutland County Master Gardeners Meeting - Minutes from March 18, 2024

The Rutland County Master Gardeners' meeting was held on March 18, 2024 at the Godnick Center and via zoom. Jan Sherman started the meeting at 6:00 p.m.

Steering team members present were: Patti Westburg, Jerri Hoffman, Jan Sherman, Rich Carlson, Al Jackson, Kathy Hall, Deb Bieg and Carol Kluchinski.

Master Gardeners' and interns present were: Joe Whitehead, Larry Springsteen, Robin Ogg, Linda Barnard, Lynn Gould, Deb Heleba, Christina Shaw, Linda McGuire, Liz Morton, Karen Kay, Zak Eastman, Mary Ashcroft and Shawn DuBois.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the February 19, 2024 Secretarys' Report.

Deb Bieg gave the Treasurer's Report. Jan Sherman accepted the Treasurer's Report.

Deb Heleba gave an update for Program volunteerism guidelines, including new projects, Minor Protection and Background Checks. She will be sending out information if you have not completed the online requirements.

Cindy Heath has started a film series that all master gardeners will have access to. The annual conference will be held virtually on December 7th.

Patti Westburg and Jerri Hoffman gave an update on the upcoming plant sale. The plant sale will be held on Saturday, June 1st at the Park behind the Godnick Center. Plants will be moved from Patti's house on Friday, May 31st. Patti will send out a detailed communication with more information the first week of April.

Patti and Jerri stated that they do not want to accept any plant donations from people who have Asian jumping worms. Ninety (90%) of the plants that they get for the plant sale come from master gardener's gardens. They plan on getting 1200 plants for the sale. If you have plants that you want to donate for the sale, you can pick up pots and soil from Patti.

We have three interns that have graciously offered to host a dig and pot. We will also be looking for more gardens to get plants from. If you know of someone that would like to donate plants, please contact Patti or Jerri.

We will be starting our dig and pots as soon as the weather permits, sometime around the week of April 15th.

Jan Sherman gave out Volunteer Hours appreciation certificates. Congratulations to all.

The following people were awarded their certificates:

Rich Carlson-500 Hours
Sandy Kuehn -500 Hours
Al Jackson-250 Hours
Anne Awad - 250 Hours

Kathy Hall gave an update on the speaker program. She has done a great job in providing speakers. Tonights' speaker was Michele Dauphinais, and the topic was How to Become a Dahlia Addict.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Patti Westburg - EMG 2012