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 - November 14 6:00pm Florence Community Center
 - Bring garden gloves, clippers, and wire cutters with your name on them
 - Bring non-perishable food



GGMGVA MEETING MINUTES

**Glacial Gardeners' Minutes
October 10, 2017**

GG's cleaned the upper and lower Natural Resources Center GARDENS; also the Fisher Lake garden for winter, when we met at 5:00 p.m. Many thanks to GG's for taking special care of these very visible gardens.

President Fleurette called the meeting to order at 6:12 p.m. in the Curry Room of the Natural Resources Center with the following members in ATTENDANCE: Mary W, Deb, Mary S, Jean, Sharon, Nancy, Karen, Fleurette and Sabrina.

Nancy moved, Jean supported and motion carried to accept Secretary Karen's September MINUTES as published in GG's Grapevine.

Those who are due FUNNY MONEY for bringing in their up-to-date volunteer hours are Mary S, Jean, Sharon, Nancy, Karen, and Fleurette.

Sharon moved, Jean supported and

motion carried to accept TREASURER Nancy's September report as presented.

UWEX - Sabrina reminded us that our VOLUNTEER HOURS were due October 1. They do not have to be recorded in minutes.

WIMGA - Deb is planning to attend the Face to Face WIMGA meeting in West Bend, WI on Friday and will report back to us at the December GG meeting. Fleurette has compiled information with pictures and submitted same for the Annual Accomplishment Report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS -
 Beautifcation: Fleurette reported she has been in contact with Florence Industrial Arts Instructor Tom and the Gazebo Garden picnic table will be ready in the Spring. Nancy, Sharon, and Jean have cleaned the Fisher Lake Sign Garden and the Gazebo Garden. However, the Gazebo Garden does need more work.

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Fleurette's Chat

NOTE FROM CHAIR 10.23.17

Well, looking out the window today is a new picture altogether. Lots of brassy tones of the tamarack and oaks against the greens of the white and red pines. Only things blooming are the late purple asters and the Autumn Joy sedum. I did walk around the yard last week and gather up most of the last flowers for one more vaseful. I have a couple of Switch Grasses that got a lot bigger this summer, at last, and they are a wonderful combination of yellow with red leaf tips and reddish seed heads. There is also a lot of rain out there. And something mixed in with it a while ago that I don't think was pine needles. The warm weather that went on so long into fall left me thinking summer would last forever and somebody didn't cut back a lot of the perennials yet! Or put all the knickknacks, outdoor furniture and yard art away into their respective sheds. But I did put the Christmas lights up on the garden shed! First things first. (However, over the weekend I bought a couple of sets of LED lights (continued on page 3))

WREATH PROGRAM
 November 14 6:00pm
NEXT MEETING
TUESDAY
 December 12 6:00pm
 (Christmas/Pizza party)



HOURS TO BE COUNTED—FOR OCTOBER*1 Support hours for cleaning up gardens**1 Support hours for attending meeting + driving time**1-1/2 Continuing hours for the art project***DIVIDING HOSTAS****by OCMGA Master Gardener Holly Boettcher**

The million-dollar question for serious gardeners is whether it is better to divide your hosta plants in late fall or the early spring. At our vineyard, we have massive perennial gardens which are home to hundreds of hostas. When you see me staring off into space while relaxing in one of the many sitting areas on our property, what I am really doing, is contemplating which hosta need to be divided, and where the gardens will expand into the next season.



From past experience, I have learned it is easier to “wrestle” the plant in early spring, when those tender buds are swelling through the warm spring earth. If I divide at this time, I don’t feel as though I am committing an act of violence against them. BUT, early in the spring, it is difficult to remember what that hosta looked like. You see, I am one of those gardeners who obsess over planting hostas so their colors, variegations, and shapes, will both contrast and compliment those around them.

For that reason, I am with the divide in the fall group! Yes, you will most certainly damage some leaves, and it may seem as though the plant suffered a setback, but in the next season they will “spring back” to put you in awe of the project which you completed.

Here is what you will need to get started:

A wheelbarrow, shovel, cutting tool, some organic matter, and water. Start out by assessing which plants need to be divided, then decide where you will plant them. Keep in mind that hosta leaves will scorch in full sun, so be sure to select an area that gets only a few hours of morning sun.

Next, dig around and below the hosta being careful not to damage too much of the root system. Lift the entire plant out of the ground and don’t be shy about asking for help if it is too heavy. With a garden hose, rinse as much of the soil from the root system.

Now is the time to get tuff. You can take your shovel or cutting tool, and slice all the way through the roots, and divide the plant into one or more sections. If the roots are not too tangled, it is best to pull the sections apart by working with your hands.

Next, add the organic matter or compost in the hole and replant one of the sections where you just dug it up. Place the other sections in your wheelbarrow and take to the area you will plant. Dig holes at least twice the size of your root system. Again, add organic matter or compost to the hole, and fill in around the plant.

Be sure to water all generously and regularly. Another tip when planting is to either plant a “specimen” or in groups of 3 or 5 for an attractive look. If you have room, consider adding some companion plants such as Astilbe, Baptisia, Bleeding heart, Dianthus, or Pulmonaria (lungwort.) Above all, be patient. The hosta may not look very attractive at this time, but after it has had a long winters nap it will emerge in the spring looking as beautiful as ever!



From Gardensnips—submitted by Katy Coppock

MEETING MINUTES - cont'd

Fundraising: Details were discussed RE: the Wreath Workshop which will be held at the Community Center on Tuesday, November 14, beginning at 6:00 p.m. Nancy will bring the check to the Community Center and sign the contract. Deb will pick up the Community Center key. Deb will inventory wreath forms, oasis, wire, etc. and order whatever we need. Members are encouraged to bring non-perishable food items even if we're not planning to make a project. Deb will teach baskets and Fleurette will teach wreaths. Fleurette will take care of publicity. Members are to bring garden gloves, clippers, and wire cutters with our name on them, when we arrive at 4:00 p.m. to help set up. Thirty-five students can be accommodated for this one-night workshop. Nancy will be in charge of the registrations and money at the door, assisted by Karen. Cost is \$20 with a \$1 rebate if you bring in a wreath form or basket. There will also be a \$1 rebate if you bring in a non-perishable food item which will be given to a needy organization. A sheet was passed around for members to sign up for what food we plan to bring for the refreshment table and what we plan to do to help. There will not be a November business meeting because of the workshop.

OLD BUSINESS:

Sharon moved, Mary W. supported and motion carried to sell the large tarp for \$25.

NEW BUSINESS:

Holly, Deb, Kathy B and Fleurette attended the last meeting of the Crossroads Community Garden. The next meeting will be on Vegetable Harvesting and Storage on October 17 beginning at 5:00 p.m.

The December 12 meeting will be held at the Natural Resources Center beginning at 6:00 p.m. The meeting will include our annual CHRISTMAS/PIZZA PARTY and a green elephant garden-related gift exchange. This is a fun re-gifting or handmade gift evening, so please don't buy a gift to exchange. Nancy will pick up the pizzas at Antonio's.

Our January 9 meeting will include ELECTION OF OFFICERS and we may need a couple of new officers.

OTHER:

SUNSHINE GIRL Jean reported she has sent a sympathy card to Jan on the loss of her sister-in-law; a birthday card to Karen; and two cards to Kathy B.

Deb brought in a copy of a newspaper article she wrote called IN MY BACKYARD which was published in the Florence Mining News. Very good, Deb!

Thank you Jean, for bringing in allium and tulip BULBS and a dwarf honeysuckle plant to share.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Members signed a get-well card for Kathy B, wishing her well in her upcoming surgery.

Sharon moved, Mary W supported and motion carried to ADJOURN at 7:40 p.m.

Thank you Sharon and Nancy for bringing in everything we needed and taught us how to make CLAY POT PEOPLE during our annual October craft night.

CHAT - cont'd

for the shed that just may sit until next year since I've already put up the old non-LED ones). And I can always run between the rain drops and gather up things for storage. And put them away wet.

Jean called me recently to say she and Wayne spent 6 hours cleaning up the Gazebo Garden! Thanks to everyone who worked on that over the summer. The picnic table is on schedule to be done by spring and plans for the sprinkler system going in then are underway. Hopefully, by next summer all the infrastructure will be in place and maintenance will be our only requirement.

It looks like our organization for the Wreath Workshop is coming along quite well. Deposit is paid on the Community Center, arrangements to pick up key done. Publicity is written and sent, remember to put up your posters around the end of the month so people don't start calling Sabrina too early. She's going to be away for a few days there so she will send out to our mailing list a little earlier than the papers. If you weren't at the meeting to pick up posters, I can e-mail a copy to you, just let me know. We've got at least 12 volunteers to be there at this point, so looking forward to a smooth operation! See you then,

Fleurette



VOLES

by Vijai Pandian, UW-Extension

The meadow vole can nest in a variety of habitats.

Freezing nights and shortening daylight in the fall tranquilizes the landscape — not counting the insatiable meadow vole that remains active throughout the year. The vole, also called a meadow mouse, is a ground dwelling rodent with a chunky grayish brown appearance, tiny ears and short tail.

Commencing in late fall and continuing through winter into early spring, voles cause a variety of damage to landscapes. Runways and seemingly endless tunnels in lawns, shaved tree bark and roots, and the mysterious disappearance of flowering bulbs and tubers in spring are classic blueprints of vole damage. Under snow cover, voles can venture safely to any part of the landscape, and quite often homeowners do not notice the damage until the spring melt. Mowing and cleaning up the yard can limit destruction and being vigilant and taking proactive steps in the fall is the key to controlling voles.

Ponds, stream banks, orchards, old fields, fence rows, pastures, hay fields, grassy weeds and ground covers are ideal habitats for voles. Backyard logs, undisturbed compost piles, tall ornamental grasses, bushy evergreen shrubs and debris in the urban landscape can also provide a nesting place for voles.

Trapping or any other control strategies when the snow is on the ground has proven ineffective. The landscape should be scouted in fall for voles. Sightings of fresh grass clippings, tunnels, droppings around large grasses, nests, and chewed fruits are telltale signs of their abundance in the landscape.



From Gardensnips—submitted by Katy Coppock

The Puzzle:

Five friends (Hank, Luke, Paul, Sam, and Zick) have their gardens next to one another, where they grow three kinds of crops: fruits (apple, pear, nut, cherry), vegetables (carrot, parsley, gourd, onion) and flowers (aster, rose, tulip, lily).

1. They grow 12 different varieties.
2. Everybody grows exactly 4 different varieties
3. Each variety is at least in one garden.
4. Only one variety is in 4 gardens.
5. Only in one garden are all 3 kinds of crops.
6. Only in one garden are all 4 varieties of one kind of crops.
7. Pear is only in the two border gardens.
8. Paul's garden is in the middle with no lily.
9. Aster grower doesn't grow vegetables.
10. Rose growers don't grow parsley.
11. Nuts grower has also gourd and parsley.
12. In the first garden are apples and cherries.
13. Only in two gardens are cherries.
14. Sam has onions and cherries.
15. Luke grows exactly two kinds of fruit.
16. Tulip is only in two gardens.
17. Apple is in a single garden.
18. Only in one garden next to Zick's is parsley.
19. Sam's garden is not on the border.
20. Hank grows neither vegetables nor asters.
21. Paul has exactly three kinds of vegetable.

Who has which garden and what is grown where?

(answers on last page)

Crispy Brussel Sprouts w/Bacon and Garlic

RECIPES

10 small brussel sprouts
 4 strips of bacon
 2 garlic cloves thinly sliced
 1/4 c olive oil
 2 tbsp rock salt, sea salt or Kosher salt



Clean brussel sprouts
 Bring pot of water to boil, add rock salt
 Blanch brussel sprouts for 4 minutes, drain and refresh in cold running water
 Cut sprouts in half lengthwise
 Cut bacon in 1/2 inch cuts and brown crisp, remove from pan reserve drippings
 Add olive oil to bacon drippings and heat on high
 Add brussel sprouts and fry until they start to brown around the edges
 Add garlic slices and fry 1 minute until softened
 Drain brussel sprouts to remove excess oil, add the crisp bacon
 Serve hot

Cheddar Cheese Potato Soup

Ingredients:

1 large onion, chopped	4 tsp. chicken bouillon granules
3/4 cup celery, chopped	1/2 tsp. salt
1/4 cup butter	1/2 tsp. pepper
5 cups potatoes, cubed & peeled	1/4 cup flour
3 cups water	4 cups shredded cheddar cheese
3 cups milk, divided	1/2 lb bacon, cooked and crumbled

-In a large Dutch oven, saute onion and celery in butter for 5 minutes. Add potatoes and water and bring to a boil. Reduce heat; cover & simmer for 15 minutes.

-Stir in 2 cups of milk, bouillon, salt & pepper. Combine flour and remaining milk and mix until smooth; gradually stir into soup. Bring to a boil.; cook & stir for 2 minutes or until thickened. Reduce heat.

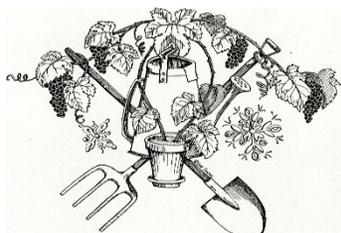
-Add cheese and bacon; stir until cheese is melted.



PICTURE CORNER

One of the October craft project and one of the annual chopping of the cup plant! Those ladies were vicious!





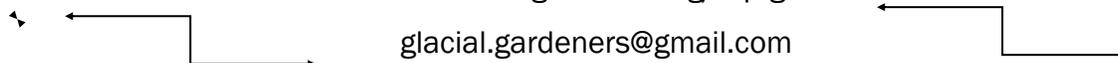
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WHAT'S HAPPENING

November

14 Wreath Program—
Florence Community Center 6:00.
Set up starts at 4:00pm



December

12 Glacial Gardener's MGV meeting 6pm.
Florence Resource Center, lower level.
White Elephant exchange and pizza party.

January

9 Glacial Gardener's MGV meeting 6pm.
Florence Resource Center, lower level.
Election of Officers

Puzzle answer:	
Hank:	pear apple cherry rose
Sam:	cherry onion rose tulip
Paul:	carrot gourd onion rose
Zick:	aster rose tulip lily
Luke:	pear nut gourd parsley

