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July Breed

GGMGVA MEETING MINUTES

Glacial Gardeners' Minutes June 12, 2018

GG members met at 5:30 p.m. at the **GAZEBO GARDEN** for plant evaluation, garden critique and brainstorming.

We then reconvened at the Natural Resources Center where President Fleurette called the meeting to order in the Curry Room at 6:20 p.m. with the following members in **ATTENDANCE**: Nancy, Lori, Arlene, Holly, Lois Ann, Jean, Sharon, Mary W, Kathy, Mary S, Karen, and Fleurette. Also present was UWEX Office Manager Sabrina who took pictures at the Gazebo Garden to be posted on Facebook.

Lois Ann moved, Lori supported and motion carried to accept Secretary Karen's **MAY MINUTES** as published in the GGs' Grapevine.

Those who are due "funny money"

for bringing in their up-to-date **VOLUNTEER HOURS** are Nancy, Arlene, Lois Ann, Jean, Sharon, Kathy, Karen and Fleurette.

Mary S moved, Jean supported and motion carried to accept Treasurer Nancy's report of **MAY ACCOUNT BALANCES**. The Trees for Tomorrow check was returned because the trip was cancelled. North Stars Garden Conference disbanded so remaining monies in that account were given to GGs. Nancy was happy to report the GGs' Spring Plant Sale was a huge success with an excellent profit.

UWEX - Sabrina reported the criminal background checks are now complete. Congratulations to Kathy who received a certificate for twenty years of volunteer service presented by Sabrina.

WIMGA - No report
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Fleurette's Chat

Here I am, looking out the window again. I just washed it and the screen so it's a pretty clear view this time! At least a dozen different plants are flowering, from Katy's dainty pink coral bells to the audacious peonies flopping and waving to get attention. I have planted the entire veggie garden (and an additional bed in the Green Thumb Community Garden thanks to Lori!), cleaned up all the

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NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, July 17, 2018

5:00 pm

Louise Holme's Garden Tour
President Fleurette's Garden Tour
followed by the salad/dessert
potluck and meeting.



HOURS TO BE COUNTED—FOR JUNE

- 1-1/2 Support hours for attending meeting + driving time
- Meeting at the Gazebo Garden—however long you were there

Dealing with Deadly Drought

gardensnips

It feels like we haven't had any significant amount of rain for over a month. The ground is hard, the grass is crackly, and all living things droop their heads in this heat. I could run up my water bill to shocking figures, or I could work with what I've saved in my rain barrel.



In times like these, it's a good idea to keep your eye on the long term and give rationed water to the most important plants. Annual flowers and vegetables will be history by winter, no matter what, while expensive and slow-growing items like Japanese maples should be once-in-a-lifetime purchases.

It's tempting to try to rescue the neediest; yellow-leaved plants with hanging heads are heart-wrenching, but plants already stunted by drought are the least likely to thrive later, even if they do survive. It's better to water things that are OK but just a little peaked. And don't forget that spring-flowering shrubs like lilacs start building next year's blossoms as soon as they finish this year's show. They need water to do it, so don't let appearances deceive you into shortchanging them.

If possible, water whole areas rather than single plants. Dry soil wicks moisture away, so spots watered in isolation are surrounded by the enemy. Select the few healthiest tomatoes and peppers, give those all the water they need, and let the other vegetables go. Your crop will be smaller but better tasting (it takes a lot of water to make good fruit). If you're determined to save annual flowers, shear them back. If rain comes, they will rapidly put on new growth and a burst of bloom.

And, remember, sprinklers are not the best way to water your plants. Water that lands on leaves is not absorbed. It evaporates before it reaches the ground, as does some of the water thrown into the air by a sprinkler. Watering the soil at the base of the plants really is more efficient. Even if there are no summer droughts to cause watering restrictions, it makes sense to conserve by watering effectively.

It is best not to water in the evening because leaves stay damp much longer, and damp leaves are a terrific breeding ground for many fungus diseases. The smartest gardeners water at dawn or in the early morning. With the whole day ahead, any water that does land on leaves has a chance to evaporate long before sunset.

Finally, let's do away with the myth that water drops on foliage will burn the leaves in bright sunshine. Water droplets do magnify a bit, but not enough to even warm the leaves, let alone burn them.

Submitted by Katy Coppock

MEETING MINUTES - cont'd

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Beautification - A picnic table constructed by students from the Florence High School shop class under the direction of shop teacher Tom Beck, is now in the Gazebo Garden. Many thanks to the volunteers who made this beautiful table with attached seating and to the Red Oak Foundation who paid for the materials to make it. The Gazebo Garden sprinkler system is in the process of being installed. Glacial Gardeners will meet at 9:00 Monday morning, June 18, to work in the Gazebo Garden. Sharon and Nancy will transport signs to the Habitat Re-Store in Iron Mountain. The Fisher Lake garden also needs work.

Scholarships - President Fleurette reported that so far, Glacial Gardeners has awarded \$20,000 in scholarships in memory of Inga Fleming. 2018 scholarship winners Spencer and Abby are unable to attend the scholarship presentation at our August 14 meeting, but their families will be there.

Education - No report.

Fundraising - Our **SPRING PLANT SALE** was reviewed. Customers were looking for the following perennials: astilbe, hen and chicks, bleeding heart, coneflowers, hollyhock, and clematis. Requested were the following vegetables: green and red peppers, cherry tomatoes, rhubarb and squash. Morning glories were the only annuals requested. In most cases, we had the above mentioned plants, but they sold out very quickly. Members agreed next year we should raise our prices. It was suggested we make hypertufa containers to sell at the Plant Sale. Nancy volunteered to host a hypertufa workshop, probably in July or August. Plans are well underway for our Fall Plant Sale.

Sunshine - Jean reported on recent activity and upcoming birthdays. A sympathy card was passed around for members to sign which will be sent to Jan.

OLD BUSINESS:

President Fleurette reported it was a very warm day when members got together to assemble shelves, compost bins, etc. and organize all the gardening tools and equipment at the Community Garden as a result of the **GROWING TOGETHER GRANT**.

Reminder: Our **JULY 17** garden tour and meeting will be held in Crystal Falls beginning at 5:00 p.m. Directions to Louise's house are printed on the June meeting agenda. A potluck sign-up sheet was passed around for members to bring a salad bar item or dessert. We will also tour President Fleurette's gardens, followed by the salad/dessert potluck and meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

The **CHIT CHAT** sheet was passed around for members to sign up.

Tentative date for a **ROAD TRIP** to Ponside Gardens, Kiel, WI is Thursday, July 26. Kathy will research transportation options and report back at the July meeting. Note: "Too much work and no play makes our members go away." (that's right, Nancy!)

OTHER:

Thanks, Mary S, for bringing in the scarlet runner bean **SEEDS** to share.

Lois Ann had Historical Society quilt **RAFFLE TICKETS**.

Lori moved, Sharon supported and motion carried to **ADJOURN** at 8:00 p.m.

RING BELL



IF NO ANSWER
PULL WEEDS UNTIL WE ARRIVE

PICTURE CORNER



Fleurette's Goatsbeards in different parts of the yard!!



Kathy B getting an award for being a Master Gardener for 20 years.

My son has become an amateur chef. He cooks to relax from a high pressure job. He made these the last time he came for a visit—absolutely delish!!

RECIPES

THE BEST GRILLED CHICKEN EVER

Ingredients:

2.5 lbs of chicken breasts

For the Marinade

1/4 cp soy sauce	1 T Dijon mustard
1/4 cp balsamic vinegar	1 tsp dried thyme
2 T olive oil	3 small garlic cloves, chopped
2 T brown sugar	Juice of 1 lime
1 T Worcestershire sauce	salt & pepper, to taste
Large handful parsley, chopped (roughly 4 "loose/heaping" Tablespoons)	

-In a gallon size Ziploc bag add soy sauce, balsamic vinegar, olive oil, brown sugar, Worcestershire, Dijon mustard, dried thyme, chopped garlic, lime juice, and salt/pepper to taste.

-Seal bag tightly and shake. Open bag and add chicken. Seal tightly. Refrigerate for at least 1 hour, but preferably 1-2 days, flipping bag over 1-2 times a day.

Preheat grill to medium-high heat. When hot, grab a chicken breast (one at a time) from the bag with tongs and shake off excess marinade into bag. Add to grill.

Grill chicken, flipping once, for 5-8 minutes on each side, or until chicken is cooked through, being careful not to overcook. Remove from grill (or grill pan). Add chopped parsley to the top of the chicken. Let rest 5 minutes then serve immediately.



EASY GRILLED VEGETABLES

Prepare/set your grill to medium-high heat.

Ingredients:

1 pound tomatoes, cut into large dice (if using cherry or grape tomatoes, leave whole)
 1 yellow or white onion, peeled and ends removed, cut into eighths
 1 medium zucchini, ends removed, sliced in half lengthwise, then cut into 1/2" pieces
 1 medium yellow squash, ends removed, sliced in half lengthwise, then cut into 1/2" pieces
 1 carton (8 oz.) mushrooms, cleaned and halved
 1 bulb garlic
 4 Tbsp. plus 1 tsp. olive oil, divided
 3 Tbsp. balsamic vinegar
 1 Tbsp. mixed fresh herbs (such as basil, oregano, parsley, rosemary, and/or thyme), minced (optional)
 black pepper and sea salt, freshly ground

Directions:

~Begin by preparing the garlic for roasting. Peel off the outer papery covering of the head of garlic. Using a sharp knife, slice off 1/4-inch of the top of the bulb, so that the inside of each clove is exposed. Place the head on a square of aluminum foil. Drizzle 1 tsp. olive oil over the top of the cloves, and then use your fingers to spread it around well. Then fold up the foil over the top of the clove, so that it is fully enclosed. Set the foil package directly on top of the grill grates and cook, covered, for about 20 minutes (or until garlic cloves are soft and lightly golden).

~Meanwhile, in a large bowl, combine tomatoes, onion, zucchini, squash, and mushrooms with 2 Tbsp. of olive oil and a generous amount of freshly-ground salt and pepper. Then toss until vegetables are evenly coated. Transfer vegetables to a grill pan, and set on the grill grates (next to the foil-wrapped garlic). Grill, stirring every 2-3 minutes, until vegetables are tender and lightly charred. Remove garlic and vegetables from grill when cooked.

~While vegetables are cooking, prepare the dressing. In a small bowl, whisk together the remaining 2 Tbsp. of olive oil, balsamic vinegar, all of the roasted garlic cloves (you can use your fingers to squeeze them out of the clove), and the chopped fresh herbs (optional) until combined. Add extra salt and pepper to taste.

Transfer vegetables to a serving platter or bowl, and drizzle with the prepared dressing. Serve immediately. (these are also delicious served cold or at room temperature! As well)



Directions to Louise Holmes Place:

601 Fairbanks Rd, Crystal Falls, MI

Take US2/141 to Crystal Falls. After making the hard left turn (coming from Florence) you will see Crystal Bait Shop on the corner of Crystal Ave (US2/141) and Sixth St. Turn right onto Sixth Street and follow it down the hill and eventually around a right turn. Louise's house is on the right just after you make the turn. If you do go down a second hill and see the falls, you've gone too far. Next stop is Fleurette's for tour, potluck & meeting, We can follow each other there.

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1:00PM TO 7:00PM

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CHAT - cont'd

perennial beds, planted the mazillion hanging baskets and window boxes, odd boat motors, crocks and jugs and anything else that didn't move before I got something planted in it. At this writing I have two hostas still in pots from the plant sale that I just can't make up my mind on where to put, however, that small number is deceptive because I plan to go on one more plant search later in the week. I did lose some things over the winter, a few herbs, two Britt Marie Crawford ligularias, a Henry Garnet Itea, an epimedium (that's two, not gonna bother with those again) and a tiarella. I have totally misplaced? a Pow Wow Coneflower. My records show I purchased it and my notes tell where its' planted, but in searching for a sign of it I realize the description could have meant a number of things. As in, across from the tree on the east side. If we only had one tree that would be more useful. I'm thinking I should buy another one because then, of course, the first one will show up! And in one other mystery, I planted two dwarf goatsbeards a couple of years ago on opposite sides of the yard, both in mostly shady spots. One is probably a little larger than it is supposed to get at maturity and is loaded with blooms. The other one is literally about 3" across and 2" tall. Pep talks are not helping.

Now I move on to cleaning the greenhouse, the garden shed, the camper, the garage and the basement in anticipation of the family reunion crowd the weekend after the Fourth of July. That is not so much fun...

I had a chat with Lois Ann on Sunday and am happy to report that she has volunteered to be the liaison with the town of Florence for all things Gazebo Garden related. She was planning to attend their monthly meeting this week and discuss having them remove those dead junipers, trimming the trees, etc. She will also see if they can provide the name of whoever put in the brick walkway that leads up to the bandstand so we could look into getting them to do the same thing under the arbor. She already got someone from the town to move the picnic table to its right place. They meet to work on the garden every other Monday between 8:30 and 9 a.m. The upcoming schedule is July 2, 16, 30. If you have some time, stop by!

See you on the 17th!



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WHAT'S HAPPENING **JULY**

17 5 pm Garden tour—
Louise Holmes in Crystal
Falls, followed by a pot
luck at Fleurette's &
MGV meeting.

26 Possible road trip to
Pond side Gardens in
Kiel, WI

26 Marquette Garden
Tour \$10

**That look you give when
you realize
it's already July...**

