

GLACIAL GARDENERS GRAPEVINE



SEPTEMBER 2018

GGMGVA MEETING MINUTES

Glacial Gardeners' Minutes

September 11, 2018

President Fleurette called the meeting to order in the Natural Resource Center Curry Room at 6:15 p.m. with the following members in **ATTENDANCE**: Nancy, Holly, Jean, Lois Ann, Arlene, Lori, Sharon, Karen, Fleurette, and UWEX Office Manager. Sabrina.

Nancy moved, Holly supported and motion carried to accept the **AUGUST MINUTES** read by Secretary Karen.

Those who are due "funny money" for bringing in their up-to-date volunteer hours were Nancy, Holly, Jean, Lois Ann, Arlene, Sharon, Karen and Fleurette.

UWEX REPORT: Sabrina reminded us that our **VOLUNTEER HOURS** for MGVA recertification are due by October 1. Online reporting is still not up and running. The UWEX phone system is malfunctioning.

WIMGA REPORT: No report.

Lori moved, Arlene supported and motion carried to accept Treasurer Nancy's report of **AUGUST ACCOUNT BALANCES**.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Beautification - Arlene and Holly reported Spring bulbs have been planted in the Gazebo Garden. Details were discussed for a sign to be installed at the Fischer Lake garden.

Scholarship - Publicity will be going out soon.

Upcoming Events, Dates

Tuesday, October 9 –

5 pm clean up garden beds followed by meeting

Tuesday, November 13-

6pm educational video followed by meeting

Tuesday, December 11-

5 pm Annual Pizza Christmas meeting, white elephant exchange, Lois Ann's house



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Education – No planned teaching events at this time.

Fundraising: No planned fundraisers until next year.

Sunshine – Jean reported on activity since the August meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

The **FALL PLANT SALE** was reviewed. We should have two tables for check-out in 2019. Inside the Community Center worked out much better than outside as in previous years. In 2019, we should use the whole room instead of just part of it to relieve congestion. We should have garden rummage only at the Spring Plant Sale. The Fall Plant Sale was very successful and earned a larger profit than last year.

Nancy reported the **GG LAPTOP COMPUTER** has been repaired.

The Gazebo Garden **CHIT CHAT** was such a huge success, we are planning to make it an annual event.

It was a perfect day when GG's met at Nancy's to make **DRAPED HYPERTUFA POTS**. We watched a video first, then went to Nancy's studio where we had coffee and rolls in preparation to make our art projects. Everything was set up and the creativity began. Oh, what fun we had! Nancy suggested we use pots without rims next time to make it easier to remove the hypertufa later from the forms. It was also suggested that possibly we could make draped hypertufa pots to sell at our Spring Plant Sale. Thank you, Nancy for organizing and hosting this workshop.

Members will meet at 5:00 p.m. on **OCTOBER 9th** to clean the upper and lower Natural Resource Center gardens in preparation for winter. Fischer Lake and the Gazebo Garden will be cleaned at another time. Cleaning will be followed by our October monthly business meeting. Because of the Hypertufa Workshop, we will not have a craft project in October.

NEW BUSINESS:

Lori moved, Holly supported and motion carried to discontinue our November **WREATH WORKSHOP** because we do not have enough help. In lieu of the Wreath Workshop, perhaps we could watch an educational movie on **NOVEMBER 13th**.

Thank you, Lois Ann, for the invitation to come to your home on **DECEMBER 11th** for the Christmas/Pizza Party and Green Elephant gift exchange. Nancy volunteered to pick up the pizzas and everyone has promised to wear **RED**, but only if Lois Ann will play us a song on her player piano!

OTHER:

Sharon moved, Arlene supported and motion carried to **ADJOURN** at 7:25 p.m.

Thank you, President Fleurette, for **AUCTIONING** the beautiful assortment of plants we brought from our gardens to bid on and pay for with the "funny money" we had earned during the year by volunteering.

Don't Tell Secrets in the Garden!

The Potatoes Have Eyes, The Corn has Ears and the Beanstalk!

****REMEMBER TO COMPILE AND SEND YOUR HOURS TO****

****SABRINA IF YOU HAVEN'T ALREADY****

HOURS TO BE COUNTED:

September meeting – 1.5 hours+travel+time prepping your plants

Attending the auction – 1 hour continuing Ed

Just to let you know that Kathy B has retired from GG's effective today. She has many personal issues happening right now, including her youngest grandson being hospitalized in Ann Arbor with a brain tumor. Please send your thoughts and prayers to that little boy. Kathy said she will miss everyone so much and has enjoyed growing for the plant sale and all our activities all these years but just can't go on. Many thanks to Kathy for all her work over the years. And on the same day the officers heard from Deb, who also resigned. She sends her best wishes to all.

Cool Weather is Soup Time!		
Olive Garden Chicken and Gnocchi Soup Copycat		
½ onion, diced	1 stalk celery, diced	1 clove garlic
½ carrot, shredded	1 tbsp olive oil	2-3 cooked diced chicken breast
4 cups chicken stock	1 tsp salt	¼ tsp black pepper
1 tsp dried thyme	16 oz pkg potato gnocchi	2 cups half-and-half
1 cup fresh spinach, chopped		
Saute onion, celery, garlic, carrot in the olive oil over medium heat until the onion is translucent.		
Add chicken breast (which is a good place to use leftovers), chicken stock, salt, pepper, thyme.		
Bring to a boil, then add gnocchi. Gently boil for 4 minutes, then turn down the heat to a simmer for 10 minutes.		
Add half-and-half and spinach, then cook for another 1-2 minutes until the spinach is wilted.		
Bags of gnocchi can be found in the pasta section of the grocery store.		



Shellflower from Sharon's bulbs

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So I'm trying to do this newsletter thing! I couldn't get the template from the regular one to work because I do not have Publisher, which makes our format is a little different, and well, basic. I'm just want to remember to get the information you need in here.

Looking out the window today I am seeing some things still blooming. The turtlehead, asters, a cimicifuga (which I know is now called something else but I can only remember one name for things at a time), a few coneflowers, some heliopsis, Russian sage, rudbeckia and a mum from Sharon. And of course, the Autumn Joy sedum. We've had so much rain recently everything is kind of drooping. I haven't really gotten anything much done in the garden, either vegetable or perennials with the damp. I have managed to bring in the vegetables as it looks like a freeze this weekend so there are piles of beets, turnips and zucchini in the garage refrigerator and the guest room is hosting tomatoes of all shades other than ripe. The deer have taken care of cutting back my hostas. However, they did that in August, so kind of jumping fall clean up.

We will have much to discuss at the upcoming meeting. Until then -

Fleurette

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