

**Master Gardeners of Bergen County  
Board of Directors Minutes of**

**April 23, 2013**

Meeting called to order by President Pennell at 5:15 PM.

Present at the meeting: K. Pennell, J. Cooper, A. Chang, H. Annunziata, S. Castelli, Cliff Gerenz, T. Fraser, L. DeFlora, J. Furman, B. Johansson, D. Karpel, L. Malka, J. Austin and J. Walters.

**Presidents Report;** Meeting called Thirty minutes early so we could present 20 year and above service pins to membership at this evenings meeting. So far we have spent \$252 plus an additional \$90 for the pins.

Question was raised; Should members who have served, these many years, be offered the 5 year, 10 year, and 15 year pins also. Karen noted that the additional cost would be about \$450.00.

After a brief discussion, it was approved unanimously.

It is time to vote for Master Gardeners of Bergen County recognition award. Several people and sites were nominated this year. Karen will e-mail ballot and asked that you vote for any combination of two. (Ex. 2 persons, 1 person and 1 site or 2 sites)

Virginia Korteweg has graciously volunteered to host the summer picnic at her home again this year. Tentative dates are August 14, 15, 21 or 22

Reminder that Friday May 31 we will be helping with snacks and plant sales at Bill Kolvek's nursery, 16 Desalvo Road Chestnut Ridge, NY from 10 AM to 2PM as Joel will be taking the class of 2013 there on a field trip. All Master Gardener are encouraged to attend this event.

There will be no August 4-H Fair at Van Saun Park this year. However September 28 and 29 will be the Bergen County Fair at Overpeck Park in which we will participate. (Remember SANDY)

We have purchased a new computer for the Rutgers' Helpline office at a cost of \$807.20 and also purchased a portable sound system for our use at meeting and special events. The cost of the system was approximately \$500.00

Recently the New Jersey Botanical Gardens held a luncheon for the volunteers, and our own Bergen County Master Gardner, Edith Wallace received an award as outstanding volunteer of the year.

Our next meeting is scheduled for May 21<sup>st</sup>, a week earlier because Memorial Day will be celebrated on May 27<sup>th</sup> this year.

**Vice President;** Joseph Cooper, Expanded on the purchase of the computer and audio equipment and is looking into a case to transport the sound system.

Congratulated Barbara Johansson on the fine Article in the Potting Shed, "Getting to know our fellow Master Gardeners" March issue featured Jane Schulz class of 1985 and April featured Wiebke Hinsch class of 2001.

Minutes of the March 19<sup>th</sup>, 2013 meeting were approved and accepted, with no changes.

**Treasurer's Report:** Income of \$110.00, Expenses of \$1,397.20 Checking Balance is \$12,769.55  
Membership to date is 170

Committee Reports;

**Hospitality:** Hank No report.

**Programs:** Tracy May 21, 7:30 PM Native Plants in Containers by Kim Eierman

**Membership:** Cliff, Membership now at 181 still trickling in.

**Outreach:** Laura, **Ridgewood Earth Day: Sat. Apr. 20**, 10 to 2pm in Memorial Park, Van Neste Square..."A Tree Grows in Ridgewood"

**Party for the Planet: Sunday April 21**, 10am-4pm, Bergen County Zoo, Van Saun Park

**Paramus Earth Day: Sunday April 28**, 12-4pm, Petruska Park, 475 Farview Ave.

Lyndhurst Street Fair, Kid friendly May 11<sup>th</sup>

Community garden advisory board to put out pamphlets to take to fairs and other events and to let the public know about the Master Gardeners of Bergen County and what we do.

**Gardening Clubs:** Lucy reported many garden clubs are going to be holding plant sales before Mothers' Day. Also said she was contacted by a Temple in Teaneck, to help them start a garden. Being this was a last minute notice, no one was available to assist on this project.

Correction under garden clubs. Laura DeFlora, Pat Knight and Robyn Lowenthal and I met with the community garden committee from Temple Emeth, Teaneck, in the fall. We advised them on planning their garden. The meeting we couldn't attend was a last minute invite on their part. Update - We have been in touch with them via email since they started planting this season. Robyn Lowenthal has visited the site.

Lucy

**Publicity** :Sally No report

**Newsletter:** Leslie, No report as she is out with a chipped ankle. We all wish her a speedy recovery.

**Sunshine Club:** Jane, Condolences to Marianne Hanna on the passing of her husband Daivid.

**State Report:** Jane & Joseph, Bergen County Master Gardeners' filed annual report, not all counties have complied or in compliance with State policies and procedures  
A committee is reviewing the Master Gardener program and strategic planning so that all Counties are doing the same things talking about volunteering management.

Class of 2013 Report: Donna, Class worked on Earth day, by planting trees in Overpeck Park, helping at Ridgewood and Van Saun Park.

Meeting adjourned at 7:00 PM.