

## New Jersey State Master Gardener Association

Minutes July 12, 2011

Caryl Hannemann, President, called the meeting to order at 10:13am. It was reported that many counties still had not sent in their Awards For Excellence winners. Only 8 counties had sent in their award winners' names.

### Attendance:

Camden: Nancy Sullivan, Bernadette Eichinger

Essex: Pat Radey, Pat Hewitt

Middlesex: Nancy Bruneau, Kathy Dopart

Monmouth: Sheila Eppinger, Ellen Simonetti

Morris: Pat Hudson, Sally Hensen note: present last month Heather Emelander (sorry )

Somerset/Hunterdon: Mary Patten, Tricia Deering

Union: Caryl Hannemann

### Treasurer's Report:

Not reported

RCE Report: Not reported

### County Reports:

Camden : July 13 speaker from Walden Orchids at general meeting. July 23-tour of Bog Gardens and Pygmy Forest

Essex: Mark Van Clef with the New Jersey Invasive Species Strike Force Team gave a talk to the Essex MG's about native plants in different growing environments. Dry, moist, shady and sunny combinations were discussed. He also handed out a list of plants that they consider invasive. This list is available on the NJ Invasive Species Strike Team website.

[www.njisst.org](http://www.njisst.org).

Middlesex: Newly expanded Butterfly House opened July 4<sup>th</sup> weekend. Monarchs and Painted Lady butterflies were released June 23. Green Roof

Playhouse in the Children's Garden has been completed. Planting is being done this week. Compost Tea Project was a big success at Ag Field Day where they were sold out. A workshop is planned to teach the public how to build and brew tea. Sat. July 30 from 10am to noon. Fairy and Gnome Garden for kids is being included in the Evergreen Memory Garden. MG's are helping out with garden contest at a local senior community which was built in 1970's with 2,000 homes. 3,000 residents many in their 80's and 90's were helped by MG's in helping plan, purchase, dig and judge the contest.

Monmouth: Rain Garden Training Review started. Open Garden Tour in May successful. New Agent in charge was introduced. Bill Schiarappa. MG's will help with Freedom Fest and County Fair.

Morris: June 20 saw graduation of twenty members of newly certified MG's. Several schools have been in touch asking to develop on-site gardens. A questionnaire has been developed to help the school, and us with the planning process and long term maintenance.

Parsippany Cluster Rain Gardens –a demonstration area of 5 rain gardens, needed help in replanting, completed with the aid of Morris County MG's/ MG's will be manning a booth at the "Beetlemania" event at the Frelinghuysen Arboretum on July 24. The event will be a concert celebrating Beatles' music, along with information on beetle sciences. The MG's will have handouts on the ALB, along with magnets, bookmarks, key chains, bumper stickers and more to inform the public.

Hunterdon/Somerset: Plant expo: net income \$11,630.00. Starting investigation into costs because they have increased significantly reducing profit. First issue of new on line newsletter "Gardener's Home" is available through the Hunterdon/Somerset Co-op extension services.

Community service: two events scheduled each month for June. August, September. New demonstration gardens are up and productive and using Rutgers best practices and providing fact sheets. Habitat for Humanity had MG's volunteers for two hours. Hort Support: 4 residences are highly active with garden activities. Speakers' Bureau busy with 8 presentations in June and 4 scheduled for July.

Union: 30 children at the demo garden from a bereavement group. Sharing garden and herb gardens doing well. Senior center in New Providence had plantings done by MG's. Hort Therapy at Children's Specialized Hospital going well. Helpline good.

Hospitality for August: Middlesex

Middlesex will bring their own coffee pot for August

Conference:

No pictures were received as of 7/12 for Conference

Please note: Middlesex will need folders for the conference. If anyone sees the 1cent folders on sale at Staples, Target or Office Depot, please pick up the folders and bring them to the meeting at the beginning of September or the second meeting in September. Thanks, Kathy Dopart

Topic: How do you handle people who come to events and never get certified or complete their hours?

Remove their names from the universal MG list and delete their information.

Charge them for coming to the lecture.

It was noted that Policies and Procedures of the State Association are laid out clearly. Co-ordinator should have a copy.

It was suggested that after the conference the MG's would like to have a discussion on RU 's practices with MG money handling.

Bernadette Eichinger made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:15 and Mary Patten seconded it.

Respectfully submitted,  
Kathy Dopart  
secretary

