

Master Gardener Association of New Jersey
Minutes of September 4, 2012

President Ellen Simonetti called the meeting to order at 10:09 a.m.

Attendance:

Atlantic:	Barbara Kennedy, Ann Cinquina
Bergen:	Karen Pennell, Joseph Cooper
Burlington:	Terry Zane, Judy Shaw
Camden:	Nancy Sullivan
Cumberland:	Carol Henry, Mary Rowson
Essex;	Pat Radey
Gloucester:	Mary Cummings, Coley Lyons
Mercer:	Absent
Middlesex:	Kathy Dopart, Jerri Barclay, Dale Duchin
Monmouth:	Ellen Simonetti, Joan Cox
Morris	Pat Hudson, Carla Schan, Sandi Gonski
Ocean:	Kerren Vallone
Passaic:	Barbara Cook
Somerset/Hunterdon:	Linda Madretzke, Tricia Deering
Union:	Caryl Hanneman, Toni Rinehart, Al Hanneman

The August 2012 minutes were accepted.

The Treasurer's Report was read and accepted.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

No Report

RCE REPORT

No Report

OLD BUSINESS

A combined list of Rutgers approved from Mercer and Monmouth counties has been begun and sent to all delegates, alternates and Coordinators. Please send your list to the Secretary so a more complete list can be assembled for all Master Gardeners to use.

CONFERENCE

The New Jersey State Invasive Team would like to set up a table to disseminate information at the Conference. A discussion was held and a vote taken to allow it.

CoCoRAHS would like to set up a table to disseminate information and sell rain gauges at the Conference. A discussion was held and a vote taken to allow it.

Sussex County said that unknown outside vendors would like to set up a table to sell their wares at the Conference. A discussion ensued and a vote was taken to not allow them to sell their wares.

Coordinators are asked to NOT read why the Awards are being presented. That's what the Awards Book is for. A short introduction and synopsis is fine.

Coordinators are also responsible for pictures of the awardees. We do not have an official photographer.

Atlantic – Evaluations. The new evaluation sheet is ready on disc. Copies will be made and sent to Ellen to be put into folders at the next meeting.

Bergen -- Speakers' Gifts. The hummingbird feeders have been wrapped and will be brought to the next meeting.

Bergen – Awards Slide Show. Joe Cooper has photos from most of the counties for the slide show.

Burlington – Facilities. Charges for equipment and building rental are in negotiations.

Camden – Door Prizes. Someone will be on hand to accept baskets from each county at the Conference. Prizes to range from \$50 to \$75 each. They will be placed on the floor under the windows. Half the prizes will be awarded after the Awards; the other half will be awarded at the end of the conference.

Cumberland – Program Flyer. A sample flyer was presented to the RMGANJ board for proofreading. It was accepted copies will be brought to the next meeting for insertion into the folders.

Essex – Pat Hewitt was absent but sent a report that we are almost sold to capacity.

Mercer – Folders. absent

Middlesex – Signs. Indoor signs have been made and the outside signs are OK as well.

Monmouth – Program Development. Work continues on lining up speakers for next year.

Morris – Registration. Desk assistance had been set and will be ready for The Day.

Ocean -- Awards Booklet. They are in process at the printers.

Passaic – Ready for cleanup. Will be at the Registration Desk at the end of the Conference to be sure evaluations and badges are turned. They will also ask for unwanted folders to be turned in.

BREAK – Pot Luck was held. Thank you all for your delicacies. Thank you Cumberland for setting up and coffee.

Upcoming: October 2 – Essex,
November 6 – Gloucester,
December 4 – Mercer.

COUNTY REPORTS -- None this month. We held our annual auction instead.