

Isanti County Master Gardner Meeting

March 10, 2016

Members present: Alison Almos, Holly Anderson, Sherry Banwart, Barb Barry, Gretchen Beecroft, Deb Bodnar, Carol Bray, Mark Breeding, Rhonda Breeding, Duane Bunnell, Lucy Bunnell, Nancy Carlson, Poppy Irwin, Pat Jaeger, Sandi Johnson, Beverly McLaughlin, Debra Minnich, John Nordin, Ruth Paschke, Ken Schroepfer, Ruth Thunstrom, April Tighe, Katie Walker, Dawn Watson, Joan Watson, Robin Weber, Rocky Wilson, Wayne Yust.

Secretary Minutes: It was moved, seconded and carried that the February 11, 2016, minutes be accepted as distributed.

Treasurer's Report: The treasurer's report was accepted as presented.

Allina Grant: Mark Breeding reported that we did receive an Allina grant for \$2550 to be used for the Junior Master Gardener program and the Community Garden. The stipulation for its use was family oriented events.

Braham Pie Day: The date is Friday, August 5. Poppy and Ken are signed up and would like 2 interns to help. Master Gardeners have had a booth at the Pie Day for the last 3 years with good reception. The cost for the booth is \$40. Set up is around 7 a.m. and the commitment is until 4 p.m. There will be more information at the June/July meetings.

Community Garden: Dates for clean up and readying the plots will be shared at the April meeting. The community garden board is meeting next Tues. and dates will be established. Usually the set up is at the end of April.

Burst Into Spring

Sign up sheets were passed around for the various duties so that time slots are filled.

Set Up/Clean Up: Set up will take place 4-8 p.m. on Friday evening. Clean up/tear down will begin at 3:30 on Saturday. Master Gardeners should be at the Armory 6:30-7 a.m. on Saturday.

Technology: Technology will be tested on Friday night during set up time. John

will introduce the keynote speaker. There are laptops for each classroom and the speaker.

Registration: The folders have been assembled. A plant sale ad and a speaker sheet are yet to be run off and added. Anyone who has not ordered lunch is to check with Dawn Watson. The classroom total is 140 people. Ten chairs will be added to each room. There are some speaker handouts in the office that have been run off.

Vendors: There are approximately 26 vendors. Melby Works canceled because of a family illness or death, so a card was passed around for all to sign. Ruth would like 2-3 people at the front and back doors to greet vendors, take care of paper work, show them their location and help them as needed.

Silent Auction: Duane is bringing 8-9 tables for the silent auction, plus his hand hewn bench to be bid on. Ten merchants have donated to the silent auction. Members who have items for the silent auction are to bring them on Friday. There will be a value assigned to each item. A banner explaining the beneficiaries of the silent auction will be hung above the auction items.

Door Prizes: Sandi Knolls will be bringing items for the door prizes. Vendors have been or will be asked if they wish to donate a door prize or even a silent auction item.

Refreshments: Since our supply bin has gone missing, Joan will buy new items and then store the bin in her garage. At 8:30 a.m. on Saturday there will be coffee (reg/decaf) and donuts. Joan will bring Subway sandwiches, chips and cookies for lunch. Water and lemonade will also be available. Lucy will provide tablecloths.

Master Gardener Booth: Joan suggested that interns sign up for and experience at least one hour each at the Master Gardener booth. Poppy has selected handouts for the two metal stands. Plants for the plant sale table will be priced at the table so there is consistency.

Photos: Deb Bodnar will take photos of members in groups of 5-6 throughout the day rather than the usual group bleacher setting. She will make a collage of these photos.

Signs: Barb Barry has completed the room signs and other signs. It was

suggested that a bell be rung 3-5 min. prior to each session so that participants get to their sessions in a timely manner.

Next meeting: April 14. Water gardens will be the educational presentation.