



**Otsego Master Gardener General Meeting  
Education Center, Cooperstown / Zoom Conferencing  
OCTOBER 12, 2022, 10 A.M.  
AGENDA**

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Facilitator: David Cox

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Attendance
- Approval of September Minutes

**Committee Reports**

- We Grow
- Education & Outreach
  - GROW
  - Facebook
- Finance-Budgets / Grounds / Grow with CCE:
  - Finance/Budgets (Mary-Ellen)
  - Plant Sale / Seed Starting / AAS / Plug Committee / AAS Plugs (Pati, Carol, Kim)
  - Grow with CCE / Phase 1 (Peter/Pati)
  - Grounds (Peter)
  - VVGT 2022 (Mary Ellen Calta, Peter Coleman)

**NEW BUSINESS**

- Meeting Attendance; In-person and Zoom
- Old books
- Events
- MGV Trip
- Recognizing hours
- MGV Training 2022/2023 (See Class Schedule)  
(Class size: 43 – Otsego, 9; Schoharie, 5; Delaware, 22; Herkimer, 6; Chenango, 1.  
Classes are consecutive Mondays, except holidays, via Zoom. All current MGVs are  
invited to participate in any class. The Zoom link will be sent out separately by each  
office, and will be the same link throughout the training. Contact David with  
questions.)
- Other

**Next Meeting Date:** Wednesday, November 9, 2022 – 10:00 a.m.



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**SEPTEMBER 14, 2022, 10 A.M.**  
**MEETING NOTES**

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Present: Mary Ellen Calta, Madelyn Sanchez, Liz Callahan, Carol Phelps, Peter Coleman, Susanna Membrino, Mary Ellen Crawford, Kim L'Heureux, and Darleen Fournier

Present via Zoom: Dianne Dirig, Chris Burrington, Mary Ellen Crawford, Ellen Alex, Susan Jones

The meeting convened at 10:08 a.m.

**Announcements:**

- Tomato tasting will be at the end of the meeting.

**Old Business:**

- Motion to approve the August minutes made by Pati Grady; seconded by Darleen Fournier. Motion passed.

**Committee Reports:**

- We Grow – Report.

**GROW:** Francine's report is attached.

- Seed Saving (workshop or meetings?) Oct 29?
- Next E&O meeting: Tuesday, October 11, 9:30 a.m.; planning for 2022-2023.
- Plan to talk about your '22 gardening experiences at October meeting.

**Finance:**

- Mary Ellen Crawford asked for all vouchers for this year by Sept 25.
- Plant Sale: No final report yet on profits.
- New committees for 2022-2023 need to be set up at the October meeting.

**GROW with CCE:**

- Groundbreaking ceremony on Friday, 5 – 7 p.m. Program is to be determined by Liz. Set up at 3 p.m. on Friday. Pati will set-up at 10 a.m.  
Phase 1 of the project will begin soon and includes demolition, excavating, electrical, waterline, lamp bases, rain garden infrastructure, shed foundation,

parking lot and raised bed construction; hopes to be complete in October. This phase will cost \$91,000 + 15% (\$13,605) + \$7,100 to contractor for overseeing project.

**Grounds:**

- Peter will have a grounds committee meeting one hour before the October 12 meeting at 9:00 a.m.
- VVGT is winding down; will continue program next year.
- Liz asked volunteers to talk to Kim Ferstler about the VVGT garden for an article in the upcoming Connections. Mary Ellen Calta and Peter will contact Kim.

**New Business:**

- Events: Defer to David Cox. It was suggested Cornell Climate Change; Native Plants; Monarch Butterfly, etc., gardens at Cornell Botanical Gardens; Birdsong
- Recognizing hours to be done at October meeting; need to report hours.
- Survey MGVs to address the low meeting attendance in person and on Zoom; availability and method of attendance.
- MGV Training (Update): (Class size: 43 – Otsego, 9; Schoharie, 5; Delaware, 23; Herkimer, 6; Chenango, 1. Classes begin Monday, 9/19 via Zoom. Remember – All current MGV are invited to participate in any class. The Zoom link will be sent out separately by each office, and will be the same link throughout the training. Look for to the link later this week. Contact David or Madelyn with questions.)

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Meeting adjourned at 11:20 a.m.

*Submitted by Mary Ellen Calta*





## **Otsego Master Gardener Education & Outreach Report September 14, 2022**

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- We had hoped to have a picnic supper for a September meeting as a way to gather with OMGs who work during the day. While we had interaction at the Plant Sale, Covid and virtual meetings have had an impact on a sense of community.
- GROW:  
The Springfield Library Project is planning to buy and plant spring bulbs to provide food for early pollinators

The Nader GROWS Gardeners will have their end of season Tomato Tea. It was a difficult growing season and while all grew tomatoes, the harvest was small. I plan to speak with the head of the Oneonta Housing Authority about the possibility of writing a grant for additional raised beds/keyhole beds for next year. Bucket advantage – no disease of any kind

Today hosting a Tomato Tasting. Interesting to learn where our tomatoes are bred and raised.

Friday – Ground-Breaking

Working with county representatives and village mayor about a monarch initiative – Monarch Way Stations

Meeting with Liz and Jeff Handley at OCCA regarding monarchs. OCCA newsletter featured information from that meeting.

Wednesday, September 22 - Monarch Butterflies are in Danger: You CAN Help at the Cooperstown Senior Citizen Center

Wednesday – September 22 – Workshop: Seed Saving in Our Garden with Kim, Ellen, and Francine. Other OMGs will collaborate.

Nest E&O Meeting will be Tuesday, October 11 – Columbus Day is on Monday

**Facebook** – a part of our outreach

804 Followers

including Cornell Agritech and the Bronfenbrenner Center for Translational Research Cornell. Both those centers are important to extending the research from Cornell to what we do.

**Posts Selected are consistent with our theme and have a pro-active, avoiding the bad-news bias, aspect**

**Top Posts of the past 30 days:**

Groundbreaking (boosted) – 1402

Seed Saving for Monarchs – 1159 save, plant, cultivate

Let There Be Some Dark – 1117 – help migrating birds

Liatris – 563

You Don't Have to Kiss Me – 733 Benefit of Toads/Frogs in the garden

The Glory of Goldenrod – 597

Fall Tree Care – 750

Swallowtail – 353 Kim's pic

Kudos Family Farm Day – 302

The demographics are similar to last month. 35-44 and 65+ constitute the largest audience. 86% women 14% men

