Master Gardener Meeting March 8 2023

Facilitator: David Cox Notetaker: Mary Ellen Calta Carol Phelps monitoring chat

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Attendance zoom and in person Francince, Susanna, Chris, Madelyn, Darleen and LIz

Mary Ellen Calta, Ellen Alex, Annette, Peter Coleman, Carol Phelps, David And Kim,Diane Dirig and Susan Jones

APPROVAL OF MINUTES Motion made by Carol Phelps Second by Peter Coleman approved

Change: grounds committee delete ‘finalize the beds’ change to finish the beds and plant in May and June not April and May

Committee Reports – E&O

Francine – Steve Reiners Zoom was well attended and 68 people participated in this zoom, NYS and 6 other states E&O attendees share take away- Diversity (Kim)and great resource for the graduate students to share their work with us.(Darleen) Genetics being introduced and gene editing and these are not in the supermarket. Chris Burrington Very enthusiastic about the opportunity to give this information to us .

Then what? How does this get from Cornell to the seed companies? Check seed packages and seed catalogs to see where seeds originate.

Kim not all hybrids are F1 there is F1-2-3-4-5-6- What does the F stand for?

Seed starting review: Carol Phelps – and Darleen very well received and 9 attended. 11 signed up – always sign up 2or3 more as some always are no shows.

Darleen – some had lights and some did not – told them how to set up light sets. Did not need heat mats but need lights. We need a workshop on how to start w/o lights. Direct sewing workshop is needed.

Francine – starting seeds years ago w/o lights and we need to get back to showing how to start seeds w/o lights. Seeds need to be started later if no lights.

Doing a workshop with a partner is recommended -

E&O program planning update – David and Francine see workplan worksheet attached

April 1st Saturday – 7 at Oneonta Job Corps could have 3 more MG’s attend – let Chris Burrington know as a background check has to be done when you go there.

MADELYN SEND OUT TO ALL MASTER GARDENERES THAT THEY ARE WELCOME BUT HAVE TO GO EARLY ENOUGH TO HAVE THE BACKGROUND CHECK DONE ON THE DAY YOU GO.

Francine – Propogating Plants by Allen TooGood will be ordered for use of all MG’s

See attached report from E&O committee.

Butternut Valley requested a speaker for their garden club – Carol will Mentor a new person to work with her. Who is willing to do this? Add vermicomposting to this. Carol will ask someone to help her.

Spring Garden Day: Deer resistant gardening, gardening for first timers, Building a Monarch Garden – zoom from Kentucky – and Chris Burrington on the Oneonta grants and gardens

1 Chris Burrington – Ceclia and Chris will show pictures and vegetables being grown and different garden types, raised beds, etc; They will show and talk about this. As a Community Garden Project where people grow vegetables for their own use.

Committee will decide on the workshops needed for the Spring Garden Day

See attached workplan for all workshops and presentations that are coming up in the future.

FINANCE -BUDGETS – Mary Ellen Crawford – the budgets are working and seeds and materials being purchased and committee is aware of this.

Plant Sale – Seed Starting – Kim – 10 light setup supplied to MG’s – budget to buy 1 more – 16 people helping to start seeds. Purchasing perennial plugs from Rutt Farms and picking them up Saturday March 11, and splitting with Cobleskill so that we all have some perennials to sell at our plant sale. Potting them this Saturday March 11 and next Wednesday March 15. Next seed starting after this meeting and set up for March 27 at 10am. Help with this and work on having a good time getting together and plant seedlings for the plant sale.

Carol Plant Sale – meeting minutes attached.

Next meeting March 20 at 10am – layout of sale and in person meeting is essential for this meeting. Supplies needed and third tent is already located. Thank you Chris Burrington Publicity and layout discussed at next meeting. Are house plants a desired item to sell? Will need about 20 –

We need plywood and sawhorses for the plant sale. Gallon containers are needed and cannot use any with advertising, but they could be painted.

Seedling pictures on Facebook create a lot of interest for the plant sale.

SUSAN JONES AAS – seeding of AAS plants in the process – more than enough for the display and the plant sale. AAS plugs will be here this week. The AAS labels are on yellow paper and will be given out as seedlings are repotted

GROW WITH CCE PETER COLEMAN – Phase 1 – everything is under snow and ice. The next couple of weeks will see melting and begin to get ready to plant. April and our extra money given – we can finish within the fence and plant soon! 6inch wide tops on all beds so that we can sit on them. Fencing will be finished – critter guards along fencing to keep out small critters. All plants ordered and tools ordered and are in. When to plant to work around the plant sale. Next meeting March 14 10amZoom only as it may snow.

Fertilizer will be given to seed starters so that it is all organic – NPK – for seed starting – need to know that is organic –

VVGT Trip to Cornell To pick up plants May 4 for an all day seminar and pick up plants - lunch provided. Please let David know if you can attend

Committee Selections – Please join a committee that you are interested in

Teresa Adell – 4-H program leader was not available to present her ideas of working with MG’s for a program.

Volunteer Agreement Form Renewals – please do this = only 10 people have completed this as of today. David went over form and made sure we know how to do this and complete it and also do Sexual Harassment form. This MUST be completed to be an up to date MG Volunteer.

Background checks needed every three years. Wait to hear from David on when we need to do this. We will be informed and then it will be completed every three years.

MGV TRAINING – will finish 3/13 – ask again if there are mentors available for the new MG’s Carol Phelps – Darleen Fournier, Mary Ellen Calta, Kim and Francine volunteered to mentor the new MG’s They will be invited to the April 12 meeting so that they can see the office and meet them. This will be in person only – and the last class will be invited to this also.

Welcome time should be that each committee chair tells about their committee. And sees what they want committee to serve on.

Diane Dirig asked of new staff person position for MG. Horticulture and Natural Resources person. Job description is in for approval and will be sent out as soon as the job description is approved.

Next meeting April 12, 10

Motion to close meeting – Carol Phelps moved and Diane Dirig second Meeting closed 11:50