Facilitator: David Cox  
Notetaker: Mary Ellen Calta

The meeting convened at 10:06 a.m. via Zoom and in person.

Attendees: Zoom – Madelyn Sanchez Taylor, Chris Burrington, Dianne Dirig, Susanna Membrino, Pati Grady, and Francine Stayter. In person – Peter Coleman, Carol Phelps, Darleen Fournier, Mary Ellen Crawford, Susan Jones, Ellen LaSalle, Mary Ellen Calta, and David Cox.

**Old Business:**

The minutes from the October 12, 2022, meeting were reviewed; motion to approve by Mary Ellen Crawford; seconded by Susan Jones. Motion approved.

**WE GROW – What will be new for your 2023 gardening/growing season?**

FRANCINE – germinate more plants in a hydroponic garden. Twenty-two seeds from her garden will be started and rooting herbs.
CAROL PHELPS – try to use compost and not add any fertilizer.
DARLEEN FOURNIER – moving to a new place and starting over.
CHRIS BURRING – might try peppers again.
DIANNE DIRIG – want to do onions and orange beets.
SUSANNA MEMBRINO – will try asparagus.
PATI GRADY – eliminate Hostas – planting raised beds.
PETER COLEMAN – renew perennial beds around house.
ELLEN ALEX – moving raspberry bushes to a new area that is fenced.
SUSAN JONES – planning on putting in dwarf fruit trees.
MARY ELLEN CALTA – no more vegetables; growing cut flowers.
ELLEN LASALLE - more vegetables than 2022.
MARY ELLEN CRAWFORD – cutting back on planting in pots.
DAVID COX - finishing hardscape, perennial beds for (Pati’s) Hostas.

**Committee Reports:**

Education & Outreach - Francine Stayter (report attached)

- Dates for Cornell: May 2023 will host a Horticultural Field Day for Master Gardeners Volunteers; we should plan to attend.
- June 1 – IPM conference at Cornell - plan to attend.
- September 2024, Cornell will host a Master Gardener Volunteer Conference. Cornell’s theme for this year is Horticultural Therapy – We should consider this.
- Posting about the Vermont Master Gardener Conference: Dec 3, 2022, 9:30 to 3 p.m. Doug Tallamy is the keynote speaker; breakout sessions in the afternoon.
- November 28 will be a planning meeting for E&O.
- Floriculture Day at Cornell – presented by Carol Phelps and Pati Grady
  - Mostly for retail growers, very beneficial for plant sale ideas. Summer Rayne Oaks: Morning session was epic trend for bringing plants in doors. Incredible interest in house plants among the 20–40-year-olds. Since 2017, prices have exploded; add cuttings to seed swap; sell house plants at plant sale. Second session on greenhouse cleanup for weeds; did not apply to us. Third session and Fourth Session: Bacteria blight on geraniums, downy mildew on basil, impatiens, Boxwood blight in Western NY is still a problem.
- Growing our plants, seed saving: Petra Paige Mann – Fruition seeds; goal is to put all seed companies out of business – save seeds. Transition to climate change garden.
- Francine will check with Vermont to see if we can get reduced rate. Deadline for registration is November 19 for early registration and reduced rate.
- Seed Swap Timeline: David Cox and Ellen Alex
  - January 28 – St. Mary’s Church is available for us.
  - Foothills Farmers’ Market: David will ask Meg Kennedy if the seed swap can be at the Farmers’ Market. (Update: Approved by FM Board)
  - Seeds are being donated from Unadilla per Dianne Dirig; most places have to throw seeds away.
  - Can we give away hybrid seeds if they are not F1? Yes, but they may not be true to color; may get a new variety.

Finance - Mary Ellen Crawford
- $5,633 needs to be spent in 2022, or it is transferred to our reserves.
- 2023 planning for committee chairs and budgets for the coming year. (report attached)

Seed Starting/Plant Sale – Carol Phelps
- Seeds were ordered and some are here. Two more people want seed starting set-ups. Katherine McGuire and Emma Kirsch will be new seed starters. They will get shelving and lights. (report attached)
- Plant Sale Committee is looking for a co-chair to help Carol Phelps. Please consider this opportunity.

Grow with CCE: Pati Grady and Peter Coleman
- Phase 1 construction is on track – (report attached)

Grounds: Peter Coleman
- Will be busy this winter
Meetings scheduled and the committee needs more members.
Meetings will be by Zoom. The next meeting will be Tuesday, November 29 in Cooperstown at 10 a.m.
In January through March, all meetings will be by Zoom, the second Tuesday of each month, 10 a.m.
Planter bed designations will be determined at the December meeting.
AAS seed starting will begin under Kim’s direction; all plants leftover from plant sale will be used in the new gardens. Susanna will plan the rain garden plantings this winter.
VVGT Trials: Order plants and seeds. Darleen Fournier will join that committee.

Committee Selections: Sign-up sheet passed around. Madelyn is trying to put them on Moodle.

Volunteer recognition will be held on Saturday, January 7, 2023. It will be a luncheon with both Schoharie and Otsego MGs at a place to be determined; excellent idea.

The next monthly meeting will be on Wednesday, December 14, 10 a.m. in Cooperstown; hybrid meeting but in-person attendance is encouraged. Bring finger food to share.

Volunteer Reporting Form: Most MGs say to keep as is. Use a paper version for those who do not want to report online. PLEASE REPORT YOUR HOURS!

MGV Trip to Philadelphia Flower Show - March 4-12, 2023. Anyone want to organize? Most feel it will be too long a day.

Program planning and development: E&O Committee sign up; may attend all meetings on Zoom. November 28 at 9:30 a.m. to begin planning for the year. Links to all Cornell Horticulture Updates will be shared for program ideas.

Spring Garden Day 2023: David spoke to Jeff O'Handley at OCCA. Yes, for Earth Fest, but date has to be confirmed. (Update: Confirmed for 4/15/23.)

Meeting adjourned at 12:30 p.m.

Submitted by Mary Ellen Calta