

MGAPC General Meeting Minutes - Tuesday May 23, 2023 - (5.23.2023)
Our Lady of Consolation Ministry Center - 1799 Hamburg Tpke, Wayne NJ 07470

7:00 PM Gathering and Sign In

Call to Order:

Meeting is called to order by Joe D'Errico at 7:11pm. 1st Vice-President, Bert Sebastian lead the group in the Pledge of allegiance and introduced Passaic County Master Gardener and this month's guest lecturer Kathy Sauerborn

Continuing Education:

Guest Speaker: Kathy Sauerborn lecture on "Gardening for Hummingbirds"

A couple of lecture notes:

Kathy is a member of the Audubon Society, NJ Audubon and Bergen County Audubon. Her garden is a Certified Wildlife Habitat by the National Wildlife Federation and has 20 years experience gardening for hummingbirds.

For more info on creating a certified wildlife habitat check out: <https://www.nwf.org/Garden-for-Wildlife/Certify>.

She supplied the group with a handout listing recommended perennial plants and feeder types. The talked reviewed each plant with lots of images.

8:24 PM Reports:

President Report by Joe D'Errico

Joe shared his notes on the project agenda. He mentioned a conversation he had with Rick at Sonny's Garden. Rick is requesting more volunteers and feels he may want to pull out of the project. Volunteer's can help on Tuesday mornings.

Joe reminded the group they can volunteer at Morris Canal on Fridays. He mentioned that Michele Savvides has information on Little Falls and that the High Tunnel has made notable progress but two fans are broken.

The grant committee has met once and Jayne Ross submitted an application to City Green. Matt Terranova and Joe shared they are submitting a grant for 500 daffodil bulbs to divide among projects. There are also potential trees and shrubs available for purchase.

Joe expressed his gratitude for the volunteer work at this year's Plant Sale. The profits were similar to last year. Thank you to Linda Franco and other volunteers for planting 1,800 plants in preparation for the sale. Plants doubled in size over the 2-3 weeks they were at the High Tunnel (HT.) The sale was held inside and there was heavy rain in the afternoon. Remaining plants are being stored at the HT and an inventory will be made in the next few days. These will be available by request for projects. And he opened the floor for questions.

Treasurer Peter Tomasi was not present at this meeting.

Green Times

Anne Reyna is requesting photos from all projects and the deadline for next month's issue is June 9th.

Project Leaders

Joe D'Errico shared: Please share ideas for personal projects, he thinks the High Tunnel may offer support. For example Peter T has expressed interest in hydroponics.

Katie McEwan shared her joyful and gratified feelings after attending an alumni and family "days of service" event through Yale University. She was joined by MGAPC member Ken Merz, and associates Joel Flagler, Gene Tappan, and Inca Langer. Aki Liao and the Yale Club of Northern NJ and Rockland County with students, honor society members, and local residents pull 4 cubic yards of invasive garlic mustard.

Friends of Laurelwood Arboretum - FOLA with Lourdes Osorio

Lourdes shared Laurelwood's "Gardening for Nature, 5 parts series, *Native plants and the home landscape.*" The first two presentations will be in person at Laurelwood and the next 3 will be on Zoom.

Mary Jo Sichak shared information on the Garden Conservancy Open Garden event June 3rd at multiple locations. Please email her to volunteer and purchase tickets online; \$10 for non-members and \$5 for members.

Jo-Ann Pituch shared Graduation and Awards Ceremony will be held June 27, 2023 at 4-7pm. It is [currently] being held at the **Preakness Valley Golf Course, Wayne, NJ. **Note: the ceremony location was changed after the General meeting on 5.23.2023 but before Rebecca Walter typed the meeting minutes. The ceremony will be held at the new pavilion at Garrett Mountain Reservation in Woodland Park This location was posted in the June Green Times (Volume 23, Issue 6)

Adjournment: A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Joe D'Errico and seconded by Linda Franco. The motion passed on a voice vote and the meeting adjourned at 8:49 PM.