

Milwaukee District Garden Club
Spring Meeting Minutes- May 24, 2024
Zablocki Branch Library

Attending: Diane Olsen, Marsha Caporosa, Kitty Larkin, Janet Wintersberger, Kerry Krokos
Excused: Norma McReynolds, Nicholas Lemus

Kerry Krokos and Marsha Caporosa will review the minutes.

Officer Reports: MDGC is well represented; November 2023 Minutes were corrected and approved; congratulations to the award recipients.

2027 Convention will be held in Madison. Gerry Ann Holzman will be installed, and a Judges symposium will be held.

The state committee approved the Events Committee
Marsha Caporosa organized the district's fall meeting.

Treasurer

- A bylaw change has been made regarding the district director's funds. If the money allocated was not spent within six months of the end of his/her term, funds would be returned to the district.
- Profit and Loss Statement tracks money coming in vs. going out.
- Balance Statement – gives historical information about assets and liabilities, e.g., equity.
- Line 37 – increased scholarship money to an even amount
- Line 46 – restricted funds
- \$68 for Penny Pines
- Line 49 – Q. Why is the district holding so much money for projects?
 - The Federal Govt kept changing rules.
Plus, COVID disruption
Sue Moser needs to request funds.
The budget was developed in 2023 and covers a two= year period; similarly, the budget developed in 2025 will be for two years
- Motion *that the Executive Committee review and amend the budget for next fall's Board of Directors meeting*. Give 30 days in advance notice. Seconded by Laura; motion passed.

District Director's project

- Install an ADA bench at the Hank Aaron trail (near 88th Street) on July 12. Three plum trees will be planted by the DNR on July 12. The trail begins at Lakeshore Park.

Kerry Krokus reported for Nick Lemus (Scholarship)

- Kasey Richter, a 2025 graduate at MATC horticulture school will receive the scholarship.
- Applications sent to MATC and Gateway. No response from Gateway.

Susan Miller, District's Habitat for Humanity Plant Share program

- Main goal of the plant share is to serve about 100 Habitat for Humanity families and their children. through a workshop on planting. Packets of coupons were given to each homeowner so they can buy specific plant types or tools.
- Susan graciously accepted this project after Judy Newman died. Details about the project were unknown. More structure will be put in place to expand the project: each Milwaukee District garden club should participate; expand to include groups such as girl scouts; formally seek donations. Wants include annuals, native and other perennials, vegetables, soil, tools, hoses, watering cans, carts, wheelbarrows, etc.

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- In 2025 Habitat for Humanity plans to double the number of families served.
- *All garden clubs in the district should help fund this project by adding donations to their 2025 budgets. Since this is a district project, the District should reconsider its funding.*
- Next year all garden clubs will hold their own potting parties.
- *Good outreach for children. Include a children's activity.*

Blue Star Marker, Nancy Gregory

- Joe Pawloski receives and processes donations, Received 35 donations for \$655. Need another \$700 for marker. Sun Prairie school district. Install in 2025.

Lynne Ehlert, Central District

- Combined, the states raised \$20,000 for scholarships.
- Supporting a National Garden Club meeting.
- Many good ideas for convention on trees.
- Need a Central region treasurer with an accounting background.

Kerry Krokos– District Awards

Garden Clubs by Size

40+	Garden Club of Greater Milwaukee
16-37	Hawthorne Garden Club
<15	Elmbrook Garden Club
	Town & Country Garden Club

AWARDS

And Then Some – Susan Ballje – GCGM

State Award - Town & Country

Ruth West Award Horticulture - Elmbrook Garden Club

Honorable Mention, Gardening for Wildlife –Whitefish Bay Garden Club

Ruth Smith Evaluation Award, Floral Design – Sandy Ingram Whitefish Bay Garden Club

Yearbook Award, Art of Functional Gardening – Hawthorne Garden Club

MEMORIALS

Judy Newman – “Flowers in Heaven”

Other - Sheraton Garden Club has aged out.

Garden Club Reports

- Hawthorne Garden Club, Laura Skoff
100th Anniversary in 2025
Coniferous/deciduous trees and pollinators
- Four Season Garden Club
Meeting at Gateway Technical College
Unity Outreach Speaker from Chicago Botanical Garden
Why A Garden?
- Whitefish Bay Garden Club, Laura Nankin
Theme ‘Growing a Greener Village’
Honorable mention at Art Museum Flower Show
Whitefish Bay Garden Walk, July 20.
– 10 private gardens, ADA accessible

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- Garden Club of Greater Milwaukee, Nancy Cody
Diverse program, Book club, ~~Hiking group~~
Open Gardens in Ozaukee County– Garden Conservancy Aug 10 & 11
Tour of Cedarburg Bog Aug 11
Mushroom Inoculation Workshop in May
- Ikebana International
Report attached.
- Racine Garden Club
Garden Walk on Sunday, July 14
- Kenosha Garden Club
Garden Walk on Saturday, July 13
- Floral Designers
State Fair runs Aug. 1-11
Open to everyone

Unfinished Business

- District Banner 24X80 inches
 - Include QR code on where to learn more.
 - To be used at District meetings and available for all garden club events
 - Committee – Laura Skoff, Nancy Gregory
 - Camera-ready art
 - Diane email additional members
- Establish a Nominating Committee – Diane email.
- Election in September

Next meeting

- Formally name and approve Nicholas Lemus as Scholarship Chair
(No longer had quorum at this meeting)
- *Fall District Meeting*
full day VIP meeting with luncheon speaker

Respectfully submitted,
Janet Wintersberger