

Greater St Louis Daffodil Society Meeting

July 16, 2017

MBG Commerce Bank Education Center Rm #125

President Cindy Haeffner called the meeting to order at 1:40 PM and introduced our speaker, Kyle Cheesborough, horticulturalist at Bellefontaine Cemetery and Arboretum. Kyle spoke on “**Gardening for Biodiversity**”. Kyle is formally trained in horticulture and particularly likes his specialty of Public Garden Horticulture. He presented information on Bellefontaine, what Biodiversity truly means for public gardens as well as our own yards, many tips for planning for biodiversity in our gardens, and great examples of each principle he taught us. He left us with a strong message that our small individual gardens and the choices we make in them, are a significant way we can support biodiversity, and the importance of our doing so.

After our wonderful speaker, Cindy began our business meeting introducing our guests, Michael and Sheila Berrigan. Mike is president of the ADS until the next Convention in Nashville and hopefully many of us will be able to attend.

The **minutes** of our February 12, 2017 are posted on our website. Dave Niswonger moved that we accept them as written and Judy Graman seconded the motion. The motion was passed with a voice vote.

Peter Mc Adams gave the **Treasurer’s report**, noting that we have received \$3600 in Blooming Bucks. Most of that was from Jason’s order for MBG. He reminded us that whenever we order from Brent & Becky’s we need to first go into the Blooming Bucks page on their site before you order. Then select GSLDS as the Blooming Bucks recipient, before you order. That way B&B will designate a percentage of the profit from that sale to us. Lynn Slackman presented another Blooming Bucks check for \$294 to Peter. Brenda Van Booven moved that we accept Peter’s report, subject to audit, and Bill Cole seconded. The membership passed the motion.

Old Business: We all enjoyed our **big day April 2nd**, with the Shaw Nature Reserve Dig, visit to Haue Farms in Eureka, and dinner at Joe Bocardi’s in Eureka. Cindy passed around a thank you card for the Haue family for hosting us, and allowing us to roam through their daffodil fields.

Nominating Committee of Jason Delaney, Bill Cole, Judy Graman and Pam Hardy reported no action on placing a president. The membership was again asked if someone could step up to the plate.

New Business: Peter McAdams talked about what our **Youth Membership** means. They have one of us as a sponsor and attend/ participate in at least one or two of our events. He showed us a form he created that has all the information he needs to register a new youth. Lynn will post the form on our website. If you have someone you want to add please let Peter know. Mike Berrigan let us know that now new youth members can be added each quarter instead of just in June as it used to be.

Scheduled events:

Bulb Cleaning is Saturday, August 26, at Peter McAdams place in Brighton, Ill. We will start at 10 AM and work till it's done or we drop. Bring a dish. Driving instructions will be sent out. Please come and join the fun.

Bag and Tag Day is Sunday, September 10 right in the same room as this meeting, at MBG's Commerce Bank Education Center.

Greentree Bulb sale is the weekend of Sept 15-17 in Kirkwood Park. Vaughn passed around a sign-up sheet. We can't do sales like this without your help. Cindy will send the sign-up times needed to those not at this meeting. Please let Vaughn know when you can help.

Missouri Botanical Garden sale is Saturday and Sunday, Sept 30 and Oct 1. Mark your calendar.

Our annual **Bulb Exchange** is scheduled for Sunday, Oct 22, from noon to 5PM at MBG's Commerce Bank Education Center, room #125. We call it an exchange to celebrate sharing our bulbs with each other. Please start digging now, if you haven't already done so, some of your bulbs to share. You can bring them to the bag and tag Sept 10. Peter moved that we spend up to \$1250 to purchase additional bulbs for the exchange. Lynn seconded. In discussing this motion, Mike Berrigan offered some of his bulbs for our exchange. Thank you, Mike! The committee that decides what to purchase is comprised of Gary Knehans, Cindy and Brenda. The motion was passed by those present.

Award Ribbons: Lynn reported that we need both blue and red ribbons. She has checked several suppliers and found one that will produce the ribbons we need, 500 ea, for \$370 including a \$50 set up fee. Vaughn moved that we approve spending up to \$370 for the ribbons needed. Cindy will send Lynn our tax-exempt certificate. The motion was carried in a voice vote.

The Rave: All enjoyed the latest edition. Our thanks to Bill Cole and Cindy. Bill asked what we liked and enjoyed, the member profile was one item mentioned. Please send any ideas, stories, suggestions and pictures from your home garden to Bill. We do need another person on the team, so think about volunteering.

Our **annual audit** of the treasurer's records is to be scheduled. Joy Haeffner volunteered.

Announcements: Lynn showed us a new magazine she found, Garden Design, and this edition has a great article on daffodils. She also has 4 copies that will be added to our door prizes. Dave Niswonger mentioned that there was an article about Jason Delaney in the Missouri Gardener.

Our congratulations go to two of our members, Lynn and Cindy, who had entries in the National Lily show, which was in St Louis July 1. Both had entries that made it to the winners table.

Cindy reported that the Gasconade County Master Gardeners and our society received a certificate of thanks from the Owensville FFA for work done supporting students planting daffodils along the highway across from the High School.

Door prizes: magazines, basil plants, canned peppers, were awarded with Charles Pickens winning the \$25 daffodil certificate.

Brenda moved that we **adjourn** with Dave Niswonger seconding. Motion was passed with a voice vote. Mike Berrigan took questions from the members and many continued on to a tour of Bruce and Chick Buehrig's garden.

Respectfully submitted,

Vaughn Meister

Corrected as of 8/25/2017