

Minutes
Horticulture Co-op of Metro St. Louis
July 28, 2010
SWT Design, 7722 Big Bend, St. Louis, MO 63119

Members Present:

GPHA: Tammy Behm (2nd Vice President)
Mary Jo Gordon
Pete Laufersweiler

GSLFGA:

LNAGSL: Cindy Gilberg (President)
Jennifer Schamber (1st Vice President)
Craig Pisarkiewicz
Simon Barker

SLAA: Don Moeller
Rich Moffit
Bill Spradley

Executive Director: Bill Ruppert
Executive Treasurer: Paul Roberts
Executive Secretary: Karen Koehneman

Opening Business/Announcements

Robert's Rules of Order were waived for the meeting.
Bill Spradley spoke briefly about the success of the Power of Plants tour.

Executive Committee

Minutes submitted by Jennifer Schamber from March 30, 2010 meeting were approved.
Short Course schedule was finalized, see below.

9:00-10:00		Stormwater Management Practices and Updates: <i>Cindy Gilberg (Horticulturalist) and Bruce Litzinger (MSD)</i>	Water Conservation & Smart Irrigation: <i>Craig Pisarkiewicz (MPR Supply) and Chris Siewing (Nature's Re-Creations)</i>	Remedy or Remove?: assess trees for safety concerns <i>Bill Spradley & Mike Sestric (Trees, Forests & Landscapes)</i>
10:15-11:15		Contained Gardening for Plant Artists: containers, substrates, nutrition, watering, new products, plant recipes <i>Dr. Steve Millet (Hummert International) & Bill Rupert (National Nursery Products)</i>	Sustainable Sites Initiatives for the Gateway Region: <i>Steven Ibendahl (HNTB Corporation – Landscape Architect)</i>	Equipment Troubleshooting In the Field: safety & maintenance <i>Andy Worsham (Stihl Equipment)</i>
11:30-1:00	Lunch and Silent Auction			
1:00-2:00		Proper Tree Planting Techniques: selection and planting of trees <i>Paul Roberts (STLCC - Meramec)</i>	What's Hot? Consumer Trends in Gardening: <i>Steffie Littlefield (Garden Heights), Ellen Barredo (Bowood Farms), Sandi Hillermann McDonald (Hillermann Nursery), Jennifer Schamber (Greenscape Gardens)</i>	Proactive Cultural Practices: corrective and preventative measures to promote successful displays of annuals in commercial bedding <i>Pat Bellrose (Fahr Greenhouse)</i>
2:15-3:15		Horticulture Therapy: <i>Gary Wangler (St. Louis Children's Hospital)</i>	Identifying Abiotic & Biotic Problems in the Landscape: <i>Dan Billman (STLCC-Meramec)</i>	Opportunities in the Edible Revolution: soil prep for edibles, building raised beds. <i>Roy Gross (St. Louis Composting) & Pete Laufersweiler (Horticulturalist/Arborist – City of Kirkwood)</i>

Paul Roberts will confirm classrooms with PowerPoint capability for speakers.

Short Course Sponsors: McHutison, Hummert International, St. Louis Composting, Basile and Belgarde (\$500)

Silent Auction (Tammy) created spreadsheet on googledocs to track donations.

A Donation Request Form will be sent to perspective donors.

Exhibitor Booths-\$100 (non-profit fee waived)

MPR confirmed Craig P.

Grow Native-Simon Barker will confirm

Jen Lewis-Cindy will confirm

Plants of Merit-Jennifer will confirm

Plastic Pot Recycling-Jennifer will confirm

MSD-Cindy will confirm

Gateway Gardener-Cindy will confirm

Kirchner

Missouri Extension/Nathan Brandt- Jennifer will confirm

Hummert International-Jennifer will confirm

Ken Miller-Simon will confirm

Pea Ridge-Bill Spradley will confirm

Hort Co-op confirmed

Robinson Seed-Paul will confirm

Hannah Folmar of Paychex spoke about tax credits for newly hired seasonal workers. She was invited to Short Course and November meeting for a larger audience with employers of seasonal workers.

Karen will contact Jan Hermann to request Master Gardener volunteers for Short Course.

Janie Bedwell agreed to create signs.

Bill Ruppert will promote Short Course at Hummert International.

E-mail blast will be sent when online registration is available on website.

Don Moeller will ask for CEU approval for arborists.

New Business

Cindy, Tammy and Jennifer met with Tammy Palmier of Missouri Botanical Garden to discuss co-producing a spring event in 2011.

Paul suggested a contract to include workload and financial division of duties and responsibilities.

After much discussion, a vote was taken to proceed with initial details, which passed unanimously.

When Hort Co-op (Cindy, Jennifer and Tammy) and Missouri Botanical Garden (Tammy Palmier) agree on details of event another vote will be taken by the Hort Co-op Board to approve the co-sponsorship of event.

Possible theme: Edible Gardening with Chicken Whisperer as keynote speaker
Possible date: late February

Tammy and Cindy suggested bus tours for next year with designers/architects on site to discuss their vision. Bill Spradley suggested Short Course one year and bus tour the next.

Bill Ruppert and Paul Roberts are working on the simplification of Hort Co-op bylaws to avoid violations and will present proposal for approval.

Bill Ruppert suggested that the PO Box continue as main address for Hort Co-op but federal/state governments require street address and Paul Roberts' address will continue to be the address used in those instances.

Tammy suggests that a Holiday Party venue should be chosen.