

April 21, 2014 Orcas MG Meeting

Present were Kate Yturri, Gwen Stamm, Nancy Forker, Pegi Groundwater, Julia Turney, Mike Moss, Sylvia McKenney, Natalie Herner, Judy Winer, Jim Biddick, Antoinette Botsford, Mary Carlson

Spring Gardening Workshop – April 26, Friday Harbor Middle School, 9-3:30
Sylvia checked that all her Orcas moderators were still available.

We discussed going over Sat. morning to FH on Natalie's boat from Deer Harbor. Nancy will send an email to everyone on Friday afternoon if that works out, depends on weather, etc.

Food Bank lunch – April 29, 11:30-2:00

People who have volunteered so far: Nancy, Pegi/Mike, Kate, Mary, Julia, Judy, Antoinette, Natalie

Farmers' Market

Schedule was passed around for signups, starting May 3. Jim Biddick will send out schedule via email to fill unused spots.

Nancy has replenished some of the supplies in the boxes—log sheets, composting resource list, deer resistant plant lists, tent caterpillar info, noxious weed list. Info on moss/lichens provided also since the MG office has been getting lots of questions about it. Nancy will get some info about Madrona blight which also seems to be a problem that will come up.

We discussed the best way to get a plant sample to the diagnostic clinic. Antoinette volunteered to facilitate this—bring any plant sample with info sheet filled out, to the jewelry store for Antoinette.

Plant a Row

Pegi, Kate & Patty have been busy putting together info and supplies to implement this program at the farmers' market table. We discussed logistics and looked at the materials they have produced. A motion was made and passed to allocate up to \$50 for printing costs for the brochures, signage and produce tags.

Community Garden next door to Antoinette's home in Eastsound

We revisited the possibility of doing something horticulture on this property. Antoinette would like to request the fire department (or some other water provider) to fill the water tank there, using the Master Gardener organization's name. A motion was made and passed to approve this, with Pegi stipulating that she first see any letter that would be sent in the MG name.

June Meeting at firehouse

Gwen agreed to contact Island Sounder and Orcas Issues to publicize our June meeting with Eliza Habegger from the land bank which will be open to the public. She will discuss a new project with the county: a wildflower nursery.

Native Plant Sale

Don't have \$\$ numbers yet.

Photos

Pat Reveles is looking for photos of Orcas MGs in action for the fair banners.

Next Meeting

May 19—Bring ideas for future programs at our meetings.

May meeting theme is ASPARAGUS, bring your favorite asparagus recipes.

Rhubarb was very successful!