

Botanical Garden Committee Meeting Minutes – April 9, 2019

Attendees: Anne Coleman, Amanda Kiel, Janet Schmehl, Pat Naughton, Shawn Lennon, Nancy Mertens, Mark Matteson, Fred Bovier, Pat Booth, Vicki Fuhrmann and Gayle Pfeiffer

Continuing Business:

Pamphlets/handouts for each Garden – Progress on the handouts is ongoing for the established Gardens. Amanda continues to help each Garden team leader in the completion of this project. Krys Ochota has reminded us that Sam needs to review each of the handouts before we publish/print them for public use.

Fence Extension/Gate Installation – Contractor delays have affected this project. Shawn has contacted the Lowe's Regional Manager for projects. We will continue to follow up until this is complete.

Standardization for Signage for plant ID signs for the BG – Amanda has the metal sign posts and Garden team leaders are providing her with plant information to complete the labels and install in the BG. All Garden team leads are to have their plant lists to Amanda by April 30th.

May 1st Mini-workday for Welcome, Rose, Southern Live Oak and Discovery Gardens – We are on track for getting maintenance done in each of these Gardens.

Upcoming Garden Tours in May – We discussed the itinerary for each of the BG Garden tours coming up. We will have propagation, native plant, soil sample, and edibles demonstration tables set up for the two tours. All MGs involved should be here NLT 0900 for both events, May 10th and May 22nd. Additionally, each Garden must have at least one docent stationed in their Garden. Pat Booth has agreed to put together and present, a deer/rabbit deterrent type of presentation to at least the St. James Garden Club. Anne will be at the Rose Garden on May 11th for the Cape Fear Wilmington Rose Society tour. **We encourage all MGs and especially the BG Garden team leaders to support the Rose Garden team by coming out and spending time during that Saturday.** This is a significant event for the Brunswick County BG. "They" are coming across the bridge!

Map of the BG – Amanda asked that \$1,000 be used to hire a designer to professionally design a map of the BG. It was unanimously approved by the Committee.

New Garden Proposals – Fred is putting together a Rain Garden proposal and designing a handout as well.

Pat B. handed out the Reflection Garden Proposal to the Committee for review/comment/change recommendations. Pat went over the proposal. Gayle asked that each Garden team lead provide input to her, NLT April 24th.

The next BG Committee meeting is May 8th, Wednesday at 1100. Our last meeting before the St. James Garden Club tour and the Rose Society tour.