

THE SAINT LOUIS HERB SOCIETY

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

THE MONSANTO CENTER

OCTOBER 6, 2017

Welcome

President Pat Schutte began by welcoming members, particularly our newest Provisionals, Sustaining members and Henry Shaw Members to the October meeting. Pat said that it had been a busy summer and there have been many activities you will hear about when officers and committee chairs give their reports. Guests Cindy Vorih with JoAnn Vorih and Fran Krane with Ted Atwood were introduced. We will be including LaVerne Jaudes' son, Mark, and daughter-in-law, Pam, as well as other family members to our lunch. After lunch, those who will attend the dedication of LaVerne's name to the Memorial Plaque will drive to Herb Garden where the gathering will begin at 1:30. Parking will be at the church lot on Tower Grove.

Michael Stevens, Hospitality Chair, has named today's theme "Great Harvest". Stephanie Prade, Vice President, has arranged for a wonderful speaker.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the June 2017 general meeting were sent to each member. As there are no corrections, the minutes will stand approved.

OFFICER REPORTS

President – Pat Schutte

- After their provisional years, Kathleen Wood was appointed to the Horticulture Committee, and Anne Brackens joined the Website Committee.
- We extend our sympathy and concern to all who lost loved ones and to those who incurred health concerns or other trials since we last met.
- At the August Board meeting, a decision was made to give a gift of \$5,000.00 to the Missouri Botanical Garden Horticulture Division in honor of Jennifer Smock. The gift will be directed toward creating and highlighting vertical garden technology through the Living Wall Project at the William T Kemper Center for Home Gardening. The gift was given to our Herb Sale partner, Horticulture, with expressions of gratitude to Jennifer Smock whose support we could not do without. A check was delivered to Andrew Wyatt and Jen Smock on August 18, and we received a lovely thank you letter from Andrew and another from Dianne Johnson, Vice-President Institutional Advancement.
- Thank you to Stephanie Prade for a fantastic Fall outing to Long Row Lavender Farm. Attendance was great and everyone had a wonderful time. We were particularly delighted to share the beautiful day with the Provisionals who attended.

- Shaw Nature Reserve Fall Wildflower Market – Thanks to Ted Atwood for chairing and to the eight who volunteered. We had a hoot and made some loot!
- Thank you to Katie Garner and her Education Committee team of Bruce Chalker, Eileen Carr and Kim Pope for presenting the class, “September Secrets”, on September 21.
- Thank you to Bruce Chalker and the support received from Judy Harmon, Speakers Bureau Chair, for the “Knowing, Growing and Cooking with Mediterranean Herbs” class on September 25.
- Well done to all Active and Provisional members who pitched in to support those classes.
- Thanks to those who have hosted or will host product workshops: Barb Finbloom, Anne Cori, Barb Ottolini, Linda Burke and to everyone who participated. Our November products sale is just around the corner.
- Congratulations to Judy Harmon who chaired a successful University City in Bloom on September 24.
- Congratulations to Linn Wells who chaired a successful Ladue Flower Show on September 21 and 22.
- Upcoming in October: MBG Wellness Fair with a team of Connie Lippert, Nancy Schiller, Linn Wells, Anne Brackens, and Paulette Bliss; and the Bell Garden Harvest Day with a vinegar making demonstration headed by Beverly Schmitt. We really are a group of active volunteers.
- There will be other announcements and thank you as we move through the officer and committee chair reports.

Vice President- Stephanie Prade

Stephanie introduced following our meeting, our speaker Jennifer Hartley substituting for her husband Chris Hartley, Coordinator of Science, and Education at the Butterfly House. Chris has added valuable input for our ABC Book. Jennifer presented a warm and knowledgeable program on “Insects: The Good, The Bad and The Ugly”.

Treasurer-Carol Higgins

Carol said we are in good financial shape and encouraged us to use our Tax ID letter to save dollars for our benefit. The Tax ID letter will be found on our website.

Corresponding Secretary- Barb Finbloom

Pat Schutte read the thank you note from Barb thanking members for their care and condolences for their family following the loss of her mom and Herb Society member Carroll Kohl.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Education-Katie Garner

Eileen Carr reported our day educational class, “The Saint Louis Herb Society Shares their September Secrets ...with you!”, was a sell out with rave reviews for our speakers, food and member humor and joy.

Finance-Jan Hermann - no report

Historian- JoAnn Vorih

JoAnn encouraged members to look at extra pictures on the front table and take any pictures members wished to keep.

JoAnn announced the Boxwood Society Fall Outing will be October 14, 2017, 10am at Melanie Fathman home followed by a walking tour of three Central West End gardens. Optional lunch will be available. Annual dues are \$10 per person.

Horticulture- Ted Atwood

Ted thanked all Provisionals and members for their key participation in providing the lovely TSLHS Herb Garden presentation this year. It is now the end of the season as we wind down and begin to place plant orders for next year. Our plants in the Herb Garden will coordinate with those distributed by Herb and Heirloom and our new ABC book.

Hospitality- Michael Stevens

Michael thanked all for bringing food today. Our next meeting food theme will be "Food for the Soul". Michael requested a moment of silence for the tragic loss of lives in Las Vegas and numerous weather crises.

Librarian-Glenda Finnie - no report

Membership-Lucyann Boston

Lucyann is adjusting her computer member list currently. Lucyann clarified only active herb society members may wear the TSLHS logo.

Provisional Advisors- Barb O'Brien

Barb reported all Provisionals were participating to their fullest.

Nominating- Marian Wuest - no report

Speakers Bureau- Judy Harmon

Judy said the Evening Herb Class, "Knowing, Growing and Cooking with Mediterranean Herbs" on September 25 was well received for Bruce Chalker and member participants. The class received glowing reviews.

Judy also states the County Library talks are winding down and thanked the many member speakers this past year.

A future day class will be April 9th and evening class April 24th, 2018.

SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Herb Sale-Mary Hammer

Mary said 9400 plants will be ordered. Mark Kalk and the Greenhouse Plant Society are growing new herbs chia and hops. All our herbs will be correlated with our ABC Book except vanilla.

Our 2018 Herb Sale will be Thursday April 26th from 5-8pm members only, Friday April 27th 9am-5pm open to public and Saturday April 28th 9am-5pm, if need.

Mary and Pat noted we have 60 active members, 11 Provisionals and 12 honorary members. All TSLHS members participated in our Herb Sale 2017.

Legacy Fund-Sondra Ellis

Sondra reminded all to take a Legacy Fund envelope to have for those special times of remembrance.

A special dedication of LaVerne Jaudes name to the Memorial Plaque will be in our herb garden at 1:30pm for members and LaVerne's son Mark, daughter-in-law, Pam, and other family members.

Sharon Dougherty announced the passing of Pat Leigh's husband with visitation at Kutis Sun Oct 8th, service Monday October 9th.

Medicinal Study- Joyce Driemeyer/Suzanne Switzer – no report

Newsletter-Marilyn Miles

Marilyn thanked all members for their participation in the Thymes Newsletter.

Planning -Kitty Ferrell

President Pat Schutte said following the two meetings where the Planning survey results were shared, a Bylaws Committee was formed. Kitty Ferrell and Val Whitney will chair this committee with members Ann Case, Mark Kalk, Jan Hermann and Stephanie Prade. Going forward, Kitty or Val will report Planning and Bylaws

Thank you to Kitty for chairing the planning committee and Marian Wuest who made a presentation at the survey results meetings. For those who were unable to attend the survey results meetings, a summary of Marian's report on the series of actions that had to be taken during her term in response to the privatization of the Garden Gate Shop will be posted on the Members Login section of TSLHS website. Kitty will also provide a survey summary to be posted.

Kitty said they will tweak the Bylaws, present changes to the November Board Meeting, have standalone member meetings for feedback prior to member voting in February and taking effect in June 2018.

Products-Linda Meyer

Nine workshops with two to go on October 18th and 25th have produced new and old favorite products for our November Sale. Many have enjoyed these special workshops all year.

Publicity-Mary Ann Hogan

Mary Ann is waiting for the launch of our ABC Book to begin publicity.

Publications Committee -Nancy Kirchhoff

Betty Guarraia reported the ABC book is coming along. There will be an evite ABC Book preview and champagne toasting party on October 18th 4-6pm Spink Gallery at the Ridgway Visitor Center. Liz Fathman, Director of Print and Digital Media MBG, and Morgan Hutcherson, artist, illustrator, and our members will attend. Throughout the party, there will be hard hat surrey tours of the renovated Museum Building. The book for \$12 should be ready to purchase at our December meeting.

Volunteers-Judy Bolian

Pat read Judy's report of two major summer activities: Herb and Heirloom Tuesday and Shaw Nature Reserve Wildflower Market. Numerous member's participation made our summer activities very successful.

Website- Val Whitney

Statistically website views increased in August and September, especially for our Educational Classes.

Val shared the website login and password to update all members. This website becomes increasingly valuable for sharing member information.

What's New- Paulette Bliss

Paulette reported on the life of Judith Jones, Editor of Literature and Culinary Delight, an icon of book publishing who died at 93. She revolutionized American cuisine by publishing Julia Child and other cookbook authors. She rescued Anne Frank's "the Diary of a Young Girl" from a publisher's reject pile.

NEW BUSINESS none

ADJOURN

11am a motion to adjourn was made by Carol Higgins, seconded, and unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Jean Beck, Recording Secretary