

**Minutes of Friends of the Garden  
March 10, 2011**

**Board Members Present:** George Deatz, Dr. Bob Kipfer, Gail Wright, Don Akers, Carla Beezley, Susan Boswell, Bob Childress, Christine Chiu, Major Close, Lee Coates, Nancy Hopkins, Kenny Knauer, Heather Parker, Peggy Sauer, Mike Ward, Gabrielle White, Ruth Arneson, Cindy Baird, Dorothy Brunskill, Dr. Bill Roston, Tom Lakowske, George Freeman, Jeanne Duffey.

**Guests Present:** There were 16 guests in attendance.

**Minutes:** Gail distributed the February minutes by email. Bob Kipfer moved to accept; the minutes were approved.

**Treasurer's Report:** Kauleen distributed the February report by email. Bob Kipfer moved to accept; the report was approved.

**Guest Speaker:** Steve Counts, owner of DPI Printing, and a new member of FOG Speakers Bureau was our guest speaker. His subject was "Volunteerism, Your Gift to the Community". He spoke of the value of volunteering as it helps other people and also gives value to the volunteers as well. Non-paid volunteers help organizations work. He emphasized the importance of recruiting the next generation of volunteers to pass it on by giving we get lots of value. George D. thanked Steve and welcomed him as a new member of the FOG Speakers Bureau.

**Speakers Bureau:** Lee Coates is speaking to the Table Rock Garden Club on April 18 and to the Dallas Co. Master Gardeners April 30. He could use speakers on any garden subject.

**Development Committee:** Jeanne Duffey reported that the living quilt was a big hit at the Lawn and Garden Show. She reported on upcoming events that include the Outdoor Living event at Maschino's on March. 20, the Kite Festival at the Japanese Stroll Garden on March 26, and the Naturescaping Symposium at Springfield Nature Center on April 2 They are working on the dedication of the stained glass window and the library in memory of Susan Boswell's mother scheduled for April 30. Jeanne is working on publicity for the State Butterfly and also for the geese problem. George D. reported that there are now 649 paid members of FOG and urged everyone to ask a friend, as the goal is 1000 members by the end of the year.

George Freeman reported the Green Magazine will be out April 1 and will include the FOG Newsletter. The newsletter will be published 5 times this year thanks to George F. and his business partner.

The FOG website is still under development with less than 50% completed. Let George D. know if there are errors or things to add.

**Garden Committee:** Bob Childress reported the following.

- The Azalea Garden designed with plants donated by Dow and Linda from Garden Adventures will be installed next Thursday, weather permitting.
- The Winter Garden located SW of the building is planned for spring or early summer.
- The Entrance Garden redesigned by Katie will be done this spring.
- Power will be installed in the Dwarf Conifer garden by Ed Miller when he gets back home.
- There are 3 irrigation projects planned to include the Azalea, Winter, and Wildflower Gardens. Plants have been donated for a moist shady area in the Wildflower Garden.
- The Audubon Society will maintain the martin house and will install a bubbler for the birds.
- Brick walks will be installed in the Cercis Garden and in front of the Butterfly House with plans to pave a larger area for people waiting to get in the House. They hope to sell bricks.

**Butterfly House Operations:** Scott Cunningham reported that Bill Roston, Rose Atchley, and Lisa Bakerink will speak to the Native Plant Society about butterfly gardening on March 17. The festival committee with Cindy Will and Kauleen has met with festival planned for July 16 & 17. They need volunteers to help place literature monthly at the libraries and the Discovery Center. Buck K. spoke about the campaign to name the Regal Fritillary the Mo. State Butterfly. They are all set to present to Jefferson City.

**Butterfly and Blossoms:** Kenny is working with Cindy and Kauleen since the festivals have been combined. They need craft ideas-let Kenny know. The music will be by Lake Drummond again.

George paused the meeting to have people pause and meet each other.

Katie reported that she is getting phone calls for guided tours, so they are planning to schedule guided educational programs through the Botanical Center with Peter, Katie or a volunteer as guides. The charge would be \$2 per person with a minimum of \$25 for a group less than 12. The solar tram will be here for Earth Day and \$1 would be charged. Parks has scholarships for educational groups such as Scouts so there would be no charge. The tours would be organized so there wouldn't be conflicts with other groups. The fees would be split 50/50 with Parks and FOG.

Peter Longley is in charge of the goose program. He reported that they are creating coyotes cut outs painted black and white to resemble a coyote with a goose in its mouth. It may not work, will give us publicity about the goose problem. The repellent doesn't seem to be working in the English Garden. Removal of the geese takes three years and everything done has to be recorded before they can be rounded up. New flyers have been printed and will be distributed by the trail walkers. Many people have complained and don't want to walk there anymore.

A proposal has been made to blacktop the dirt road between the Stroll Garden parking lot and the South Creek Greenway. Parks will install base and Major has agreed to fund the asphalt. Bob

Kipfer made a motion to accept funding from a donor and use it to pay for the asphalt surfacing of the roadway between the Japanese Stroll Garden and South Creek. The motion was approved by all. George D. thanked Major and the Close family.

George also thanked Ruth Arneson for funding the hardscape for the Azalea Garden and for donating funding for the FOG hats being sold in the Gift Shop. The proceeds from the hats buy the shirts for the volunteers.

Volunteers working more than 15 hrs in the gardens are reminded that they need a badge.

The Outdoor Living Fair at Maschino's for March 20 from 12-5pm will feature a silent auction to benefit Ozark Greenways and FOG. Call Dorothy if you can volunteer; also volunteers will be needed for the Naturescaping Symposium and the Kite Festival.

The name of the Native Prairie Garden has been changed to Kickapoo Edge Prairie. FOG member Ric Mayer and the Missouri Prairie Foundation have adopted the garden. New brochures have been printed and the signs have been changed.

Bob Kipfer moved to adjourn 0605 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Gail Wright, Secretary