



*Connecting a Community of Gardeners Through Learning*

**October 3rd, 2017**  
**General Membership Meeting and Program**

The Master Gardener Association of Northwest Michigan gathered at Boardman River Nature Center at 6 PM for a potluck dinner followed by a business meeting and an educational program.

Business Meeting called to order at 6:20 pm by President Michele Worden.

Attendance: 42 members and guests

President's Report: Michele Worden

- Michele reviewed the Mission of the Master Gardener Association and invited attendees to connect with us through the Website, our Facebook page and subscribe to the online newsletter-The Real Dirt
- Results of the Programming Survey attached
- There will be an email from The Real Dirt with the proposed By-Laws for member review
- Following that there will be an email from Election Buddy for members to vote on the By-Laws
  - You must be a certified EMG to vote
  - With approval of the By-laws the Application for membership in MMGA will be complete
- November 5<sup>th</sup> will be the First Annual Meeting of the MGANM as a Non-profit Corporation
  - Remember to enter your hours in the VMS by October 31<sup>st</sup> for recognition at the luncheon
  - Board of Directors Election will be held
    - Additional Nominations are welcome
  - There will be a Silent Auction to raise money for the Scholarship fund
    - Items are needed. Contact Michele, Nancy Larson or Lillian Mahaney
    - Donation forms will be emailed (Should be tax deductible)
    - Last year we raised over \$500

Treasurer's Report: YTD

- Revenues: \$1588
- Expenses: \$1841
- Reserves: \$3663 (in checking And Savings Accounts)
- We are under budget for the year so far

Business meeting Adjourned at 6:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Reich, Secretary

**October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2017**  
**MGANM Educational Presentation**  
**PLANTS DEER DON'T EAT**



Brian Zimmerman and Tom Clark of Four Season Nursery provided the Master Gardeners and many additional guests with an excellent and interesting presentation on ways to protect our gardens from being decimated by deer.

Brian provided the attendees with lists of plants, trees and shrubs he knows or at least has had positive results with. He also asked for suggestions from the group that he could add to the lists he is compiling.

Brian and Tom also made suggestions of deer deterrents such double fencing, electric fencing. Several attendees contributed their experiences with deer deterrent practices.

Brian will provide updates to his lists to the MGANM who will make them available through the MGANM website.