

Programs Report 2016-2017

Theme: To learn about global issues, how they affect the world on a grand scale, and how they affect us locally, and what we are doing to address them in our own backyard. Our program strategy was to present programs that supported this theme.

100 Years: The National Park Service Celebrates a Centennial

July 21, 2016 - Wayzata Community Center

Dr. John Anfinson, Superintendent of the Mississippi National River and Recreation Area

Conservation Chair - Libby Andrus / Carol Hunter

Expenses: \$133.29 (room rental and new microphone) Hostesses incurred own expenses for treats

Approx 55 attendees

Comments: A great meeting with lots of help from Libby and Carol. Members were interested and we received some press from Sun Sailor thanks to Holly Adams. (This particular journalist did a very nice job) An easy place for a meeting - accessible and inexpensive with some AV equipment provided. Hostesses brought snacks and incurred their own costs.

Depot Garden Redux

August 18, 2016 - 6Smith restaurant and Depot Garden.

Roxanne Sturh, designer and owner of True Nature Design

Expenses: \$398.23 (beverages and snacks for meeting attendees and no shows for lunch)

Approx 50 attendees

Comments: Was slightly difficult organizing with speaker but she didn't charge a fee and was lovely and generous. 6Smith was a good venue since it was near the Depot Garden. The speaker was caught in traffic so we had a late start.

Trees, Wonderful Trees

September 15, 2016 - Woodhill Country Club Barn

Paul Buck, city forester Plymouth and advocate for urban forester.

Expenses: \$635.07 (room rental and snacks) (honorarium of \$150 paid by Horticulture committee)

Approx 50 attendees

Comments: A good program with lots of questions asked.

Preparing for Winter's Harvest

October 20, 2016 - OpenBook. (in conjunction with Milkweed Editions- rental fee waived)

Beth Dooley shared stories focussing on the farm to table movement.

Expenses: 0 (Hostesses incurred their own expenses)

Approx 34 attendees

[Comments: Was a lot of fun to work with Beth and Milkweed. Since the program was downtown, it was not as well attended as it could have been. Also, it was over MEA weekend- something to consider for future.](#)

The Beautiful Art in Flowers

November 17, 2016 - Woodhill Country Club Barn

Arts and Flowers shared the latest trends workshop and presentation with items for purchase.

Expenses:\$741.58 (rental, lunch, snacks for meeting, give away of prize)

Approx 55 attendees

[Comments: The workshop was full. I think people enjoyed being able to buy gifts, however, might have hurt bulb sales.](#)

Seeds of Success

April 20, 2017 - Snyder Auditorium - The Arboretum

Lunch and presentation - Kate Sackman with information on Global Seed Conservation and David Remucal's project saving local native orchids.

Expenses:\$1165.52 (Arboretum expenses - space, food, linens, labor and Kate's fee and flight)

Approx 52 attendees

[Comments: Unfortunately, Kate remembered incorrectly that we talked about a speaker's fee - we did not - so that was an expense we didn't prepare for. Since she is a member's daughter we decided to pay a negotiated fee. We had only agreed to reimbursing her flight. This was the most expensive meeting. I wish the Arboretum would 'work with us' on their costs. David's portion might have been the highlight.](#)

Celebrating Our Gardens

May 18, 2017 - The home of Mary Upjohn

Zone Representatives, Lou Ellen Murray and Debbie Ross Garden History & Design and Visiting Gardens

Expenses: \$342.91 (Classic Car Parkers and chair rental)

[Comments: nice meeting. AV is a little difficult but we worked it out.](#)

Welcome to Woodland - Annual Meeting

June 15, 2017

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Expenses:\$2553.97 (Festivities rentals, Woodhill catering, Classic parkers, etc)

Comments: Helen Waldron led a small floral workshop to prepare arrangements.