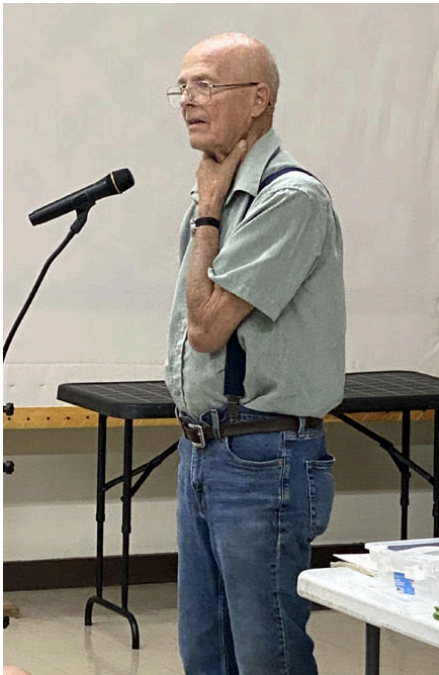


We're pleased to report that the September meeting was well attended with 40-50 members and guests on hand to enjoy the evening. It was also nice to welcome 5 brand new members.

Recap - September 4th CPDHS Monthly Meeting

Opening Remarks:

President Paul Pietsch welcomed everyone and made opening remarks outlining what was on the agenda for the meeting.



Treasurer Linda Bartlett was the first Board member to speak, providing a financial report that confirms that our society is in solid financial condition. Linda also prepared and made available printed copies of this month's newsletter.... a digital copy is attached to this email..

Director and membership coordinator Laura Cupper introduced five new members and reports that our membership now stands at 103 members



Director Irene Tobis provided details about the Native Plant Giveaway that she and her team in the CPDHS Climate Change and Biodiversity interest group had organized for this meeting. See details further down this page

Director Dinne Elliott reminded members of refreshment break and goodies later in the evening. She also provided a chart/clipboard so that members could check to see which meetings they had volunteered to provide goodies for.



Director Brianna 'Bri' Logan gave a brief recap of the kids' summer gardening program that she and her team of volunteers put on at Victoria School Garden this summer. She thanked all of the members who donated materials and time for what turned out to be a highly successful project in spite of some rainy Sundays.



Director Doreen Harris, our Photography Contest coordinator (among many other hats) reminded members that the entries for the 2024 Photography Competition must be submitted at the October monthly meeting. The photos will be judged during the month of October with the photos on display and winners announced at the November meeting. The Photography Competition details & rules are attached to this email

Barbara Fowler opened her remarks with a brief overview of our CPDHS Tea Room at the District 2 Flower Show in Almonte on August 17th, with a huge “Thank You” to CPDHS members for their amazing participation in all aspects of the Tea Room, as well as contributing in so many other ways to the D2 Show. The Tea Room made \$586.00! Barbara also spoke about the upcoming Fall Flower and Edibles Show at the October meeting. She encouraged members to participate and entry tags were available for those who had an interest. The rules and categories are outlined in the September Newsletter which is attached to this email as a pdf.



Show and Tell:

Show and Tell is a monthly opportunity for members to briefly share a success or other item of horticultural interest. This month we had two presenters.

Cheryl Moore brought examples of the abundant harvest that her fruit trees are providing this year and gave the examples to grateful members.



Brian Hunt showed an example of an oddity in maple seeds that he encountered in his garden. The usual maple seed format is a pair of seeds attached... Brian found a set of three conjoined seeds in a pyramid layout.



Guest Speaker - The Main Event!

Joanne Hoffman's talk, *Quilting With Plants in Mind* was enthusiastically received by an attentive audience. She did a terrific job of drawing parallels between the creativity used in quilting and that of garden and arrangement design. An enthusiastic gardener herself, she was able to bridge the topics effectively.

It turns out that quite a few of our members have a keen interest in quilting. I can recognize that a bed covering is a quilt, but that's about it. However Joanne's presentation was very interesting even for those in attendance who had no experience in quilting. Many were astonished by the complexity of the work and in the design and colour parallels with gardening.

Joanne was generous in her responses to questions from members, providing fulsome answers that all could appreciate. Here are some photos from the talk:







About guest speaker: Joanne Hoffman retired in 2017 after working in the education field as teacher, consultant and principal. She has taken on quilting with a passion. *"I started quilting as a retirement hobby. Five sewing machines later and a room full of fabric, it became my passion. The more complicated the pattern the better. Pixel quilting is probably the most challenging".*

Native Plant Giveaway!

The CPDHS Climate Change and Biodiversity special interest group organized a Native Plant Giveaway. Several examples of two dozen native plant species ready for fall planting, were given away to enthusiastic members and guests



All were 'winter-sown' over the 2023-2024 winter by CPDHS member Irene Tobis, and prepared for giveaway by members of the CPDHS Climate Change and Biodiversity interest group, as part of their mission to interest more of us in growing more native plants. Here's a list of the plants that were provided:

- Agastache scrophulariifolia - Purple Giant Hyssop
- Anaphalis margaritacea - Pearly Everlasting
- Aquilegia canadensis - Eastern Red Columbine
- Asclepias incarnata - Swamp Milkweed (Rose Milkweed)
- Asclepias tuberosa - Butterfly Milkweed (Orange Milkweed)
- Clematis virginiana - Virgin's Bower
- Coreopsis lanceolata - Lance-leaved Tickseed
- Eutrochium maculatum - Spotted Joe Pye Weed
- Geum rivale - Water Avens
- Geum triflorum - Prairie Smoke
- Liatris spicata - Dense Blazing Star
- Lobelia cardinalis - Cardinal Flower

Lobelia siphilitica - Great Blue Lobelia (Blue Lobelia)
Monarda fistulosa - Wild Bergamot (Purple Bee Balm)
Oligoneuron ohioense - Ohio Goldenrod
Rudbeckia hirta - Black-Eyed Susan
Rudbeckia laciniata - Cut-Leaved Coneflower
Solidago caesia - Blue-Stemmed Goldenrod
Symphyotrichum laeve - Smooth Blue Aster
Symphyotrichum lateriflorum - Calico Aster
Symphyotrichum novae-angliae - New England Aster (pink)
Symphyotrichum novae-angliae - New England Aster (purple)
Symphyotrichum urophyllum - Arrow-Leaved Aster
Verbena hastata - Blue Vervain (Blue Verbena)
Zizia aurea - Golden Alexanders

This was a well organized and popular feature of the evening. Congratulations to Irene and CPDHS Climate Change and Biodiversity interest group for a job well done!

Refreshment Break

The refreshment break provided an opportunity to mingle with members and guests while enjoying a treat and a beverage. Always a great time to chat with old friends, meet new ones and to pick a brain or two. Beverages and treats were donated by members and organized by Dianne Elliott. The date squares were awesome!

Happy gardening :)

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