



Hardy Plant Society of Washington

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Purpose	Board Meeting
Date	Apr 2, 2012
Location	NE Branch Library, Seattle Public Library
Participants	Kandy Kroll, Pamela Perrott, Coral Wilde, Grace Hensley, Bob Lilly, Alice Brewer, Terri Bates
Absent	Stefani Cushing, Caroline Zebroski

Agenda

1. Shed
2. Blooms of Bressingham
3. Plant Sale To-dos
 1. Progress on taking credit cards at sales
 2. Kandy: report on signups, what slots still need to be filled, etc.
 3. banner: where are we on banner permit, ordering plant sale banner?
4. Public Garden To-dos
 1. May work party date?
 2. progress on Saturday?
 3. other to do's
5. any other business?

1. Shed at CUH for our garden

Our Memo of Understanding with CUH says we need a shed as close as possible to our garden beds. As we heard last month at our board meeting, CUH is proposing a joint shed, joint with the food garden folks whose space is west of ours, which would be designed by UW Architecture students. And CUH has a problem with a shed where we had originally proposed; there's an installation by the UW that can't have metal too close to it, near the original site proposed for our shed.

There was a meeting on the shed, with the stakeholders there and the UW students, at CUH last Monday. The shed is currently planned to be sited at the very NW corner of the farm property, next to the gravel road, and as far from our garden beds as possible. We don't think this is acceptable. It's 180 yards from our beds. The farm folks currently have a big mess where their current shed is; possibly CUH is hoping to hide the mess by siting the shed as far from the street as possible. But we won't be happy with hauling tools from so far away.

The next meeting on the shed is Monday April 9 at 2pm at CUH. We will invite as many of our people as can, to come. We think it will be in the Douglas classroom as the board room where it

was held last Monday is too small for all the students plus the farm stakeholders and our representatives. Pam will attend and take notes. Pam will also send out an invite to other HPSW members to attend.

The site seems to have already been decided by the leadership of CUH. Both Bob and Grace found it wasn't negotiable last Monday. But we won't find that site is acceptable. CUH signed a MOU that said the shed would be as close as possible to our beds. Siting it as far as possible from the road isn't 'as close as possible'.

If they insist on siting it so far away

- 1) we won't contribute \$1000 to the cost of building it
- 2) we may not develop more than 2 beds
- 3) We will present to CUH a bill for the work we've done so far, including \$1300 worth of soil, the plants just installed, the volunteer hours etc.

Bob asked Kandy or Grace to produce a single sheet of paper with the following information on it

- 1) volunteer hours spent
- 2) Dollars spent so far, e.g. \$1300 for soil
- 3) Value of plants installed already

Bob also asked Grace to turn her shed materials list into a formal document with our logo on it, which lists the expenses so far.

If CUH insists on siting the shed so far from our beds, we might use the \$1000 to buy a beater panel truck or pick up truck to hold our tools. We could drive it onto the gravel road that runs along our beds and park it there during our work parties.

2. Blooms of Bressingham beds

Grace will meet on Wednesday 4/4 at 10am about the Blooms of Bressingham trial beds. Riz Reyes will tell Grace about the data collection he's been doing on the trials of the Bressingham plants. Around 8-12 plants will be sent to us for trial, and will arrive approximately June 11th. Riz is collecting more data than Blooms of Bressingham ask us to collect; we will continue what Riz has been doing. This is an ongoing project; plants will be sent each year for trialing. We think the current plants can be kept, or tossed, or planted in our beds if there isn't room for them. The Blooms of Bressingham beds are 3 beds, nearer the NHS Hall than the beds we will maintain.

Project Reports

1. Plant Sale

- a. Pam reported that she got the photo file from last year from Terri and has started adding to it. She printed up the file Terri provided on 8 ½ x 11 paper and inserted the pages into plastic sleeves, since her printer is an ink jet and the ink will run if it gets wet, and gave them to Bob at the work party on Saturday. She wanted Bob's feedback on whether the pages looked good enough or if we needed to send them to the printer who does our postcards. Also the pages were too floppy. Bob brought the photos to the meeting. He's found if he adds a page of 20 pound paper they are stiff enough. He thinks we can use the wood paint stirrers from the bulb sale to hold them up and put them in plant pots. Pam will continue to look for

photos to add to our collection. Grace asked Pam to send the file to her for the website.

- b. Bob announced a work party on Sunday 4/8 starting at 1. There are more donated plants to pot up and we need to primp for the plant sale. Pam needs to send an email to the membership about this.
- c. Banner - Grace wasn't sure if the banner permit paperwork had reached Roberta. Grace heard on Tuesday that not only did Roberta have the paperwork, but she's gotten from her manager a waiver of the permit hanging fee of \$350. So we can hang it and take it down ourselves and not be charged for hanging it. Terri is going to order the banner itself. We think it's at least a week turnaround on having a banner made. We voted at the board meeting to make the banner even though we hadn't yet gotten permission to hang it.
- d. The board wanted Pam to send them the publicity list put together by Stefani. Terri pointed out there are places on the list where you have to go to a website and fill out the information; you can't send an email or a snail mail. Terri offered to do the website entries.
- e. Boxes from Wells Medina. Terri has called. It's arranged, we just need to arrange with Wells Medina when to pick them up. Stefani will pick them up at 5pm on Thursday 4/12
- f. Pam reported that she's sent postcards to the people who gave us checks at the bulb sale and to part of the people/organizations on the publicity list, until she ran out of postcards. She had asked board members to bring any leftover postcards to the board meeting, so she could finish the mailing. She received enough at the board meeting to send to the remaining folks; they were mailed on Tuesday. Grace emailed the people who signed up during the bulb sale or F&G show on 3/25. Pam emailed the people and organizations on the publicity list on 4/3.
- g. Pam gave an alphabetical list of the plants to Bob. The prior lists had been by date of the hand written lists. We need alpha listings for pricing.
- h. Alice said she'd like to have the cash registers and credit card machines on Friday so she can practice before Saturday. Pam will contact Stefani about this.
- i. Grace showed the 50 name tag holders she's purchased. Kandy brought the ones she's collected at the Space Needle. Grace will print name tags for the plant sale.
- j. Pam brought the new tally sheets she has printed. Kandy brought the leftover tally sheets. We have LOTS of tally sheets. The new ones have seeds listed at the top; the old ones don't but will work fine.
- k. Pam will type up the signup list for the plant sale and send it out to the membership asking for more people to sign up.
- l. Terri will make signs for the plant sale. Kandy brought the signs from last year and gave them to Terri. If anybody wants a new sign, ask Terri to make it.

2. Public Garden

- a. We had planned to have soil delivered March 30th and to spread it March 31st but the beds are too wet right now (standing puddles!). So the March 31st work party turned into a planting and Equisetum removal party. We will delay the soil delivery to May 4th and the spreading party to May 5th 10-3. Pam needs to send a notice of this work party to the membership. We'll work on removing pavers from the second bed, taking out horsetails around the Magnolia, and raking the dirt into the bed.

- b. Bob and Grace reported that we did get stuff planted at the March 31st work party. Sarah has not yet told us what plants are okay to plant, although she was given a list months ago where she simply had to cross off anything she didn't want. Bob said Chrysanthemums and Fothergillas are approved. Bob and Grace did a planting diagram for the first bed and turned it into David and he said okay. But we still need the okay plant list from Sarah and she isn't providing it. Bob said Grace's program works fine for doing a planting diagram, so it will work for the second bed.
- c. Bob said we can sheet the Magnolia with cardboard and add mulch. We will put about 2 inches of enviromix on top of the cardboard to try to discourage the Equisetum there. Pam said she didn't think that would be enough. We'll see!
- d. The board asked Pam to find out when the Cedar Grove donation expires. Terri said she knew of a person who got a donation, like us, from Cedar Grove with no delivery supplied. That person got a bunch of WALP people each to deliver 1 yard in their pickup trucks. Bob said we had enough money to pay for delivery.
- e. Bob wants chicken and chips for the Magnolia. Terri said she'd get it.

Prior board members

1. Bob thought former board members should be added to the board email list. Pam will check with them to find out if they are willing to receive board emails. That list includes Bonnie Sharpe, Barry Latter, Anne Potter, Deborah Stuteville, and Beda Herbison.

Next Meeting

Monday May 7, 2012 at the NE Branch Library, 6-7:45 pm.