

Minutes of the Lecture Subcommittee meeting - Sunday Dec 6, 2015

Attended by Karen Vieira, Carolyn Housman, Sarah Garretson Lowry, Lorrie Dahlen

Meeting started at 10:11 with a review of the past data and timeline, familiarizing Sarah with the prior approaches to the process. Carolyn and Lorrie provided information on people contacted, brainstorming occurred and the following notes/actions were taken.

Dates for the Spring Lecture Series:

- NO dates: 3/27 (Easter), 3/16-19(Boston flower show), 4/16 (Farmers' market) anything later is too late, anything before 3/5 is too early.
- Potentially Ok dates: 3/5, 3/12, 4/9 on hold for us - 4/2 is on tentative hold for Rotary
- Check with Senior Center (Carolyn) and see if 4/2 is a possibility.

IDEAS, topics and actions:

- Pruning – C.L. Fornori – author of two books, radio show, from Cape Cod, well respected and known for great slide shows - could only do the first session, wants 1.5 hours - \$400 for the one session. She can only do: **3/5 or 4/2**
- Canning/preserving the harvest – Monica Fletcher or Kristi Marshall? Lorrie to call
- Animals – goats – Lorrie to call local vets to see what is possible.
- Cheese/ yogurt making - Lorrie to call: (Mozarella, Yogurt, Riccotta)
South Shore Beer brew mozzarella - Jim Bowser
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58 Randolph St
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- Claudia Thompson – grow native plants, why they matter – passionate speaker. Grow native Mass. www.Grownativemass.org - Carolyn to follow up on this. Perhaps Gardening in sun or gardening with Native plants.
- Growing organic veggies &- Seed saving, heirloom, flowers and vegetables – Sturbridge village?? Sarah to call - Christie Higgenbottom – Saving seeds and Heirloom Vegetable Advantages. – Sarah to talk and see if she can reduce the fee, flat fee, eliminate travel.
- Composting – Ann McGovern possibly include making leaf mold,

Other topics less likely

- Zeroscaping - Paul Miskovsky – on the cape, or Kerry Ann Mendez (extremely low maintainace (need to check dates) – NEXT YEAR for Kerri??
- Poultry/Avian Flu info – MDAR??? Might be an opportunity for disseminating suggestions for keeping neighbors happy too.
- Organic Lawn care – Paul Tuikey – maybe zeroscaping, composting/leaf mold, compost tea too - Karen Vieira to work on this one. Initially Paul wanted a travel reimbursement plus fees, Paul has not returned a call. Probably not going to work.
- Edible gardens / Edible flowers – Liz Barbour – possibly for next year. (Duxbury Garden Club has her this year)
- Kevin Doyle, Landscape design – doing the Audubon/NSRWA
- Gardening near the ocean – no speakers in mind yet

Next meeting Jan 3rd at 93 Summer St at 10 am., Meeting concluded at 11:35.