

# Across Prairies and Pines

SOUTH DAKOTA EXTENSION MASTER GARDENERS NEWSLETTER

FALL 2010

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## Greetings all!

Another growing season is over; I'm grateful to live in a climate that gives us time to get re-energized and inspired with fresh ideas for next year!

Welcome to the 108 new Master Gardener interns trained this spring and summer! We also had a small group trained this fall at Eagle Butte on the Cheyenne River reservation, funded by a SARE professional development grant. Thanks to all of you experienced MG's who are mentoring new trainees.

It was good to see so many of you at the annual Update in Winner. Kudos to those there who worked so hard to host a great event – you did a fantastic job!

My apologies for the continuing problems with our state MG website. I'll send out an email when it is back online. For now you can find log sheets and applications, etc. at <http://www.sdstate.edu/hflp/extension/mastergardener.cfm> The SDSU extension website now has a pretty good search capability for our publications, including some interesting historical ones (the database will be a bit slow to load—be patient!), you can find it at: <http://www.sdstate.edu/sdces/store/Publications/search.cfm>

See also Pennington County Master Gardeners' new website at <http://www.pnctymg.org/> and Yankton County Horticulture's site at <http://yanktonhorticulture.webs.com/home.htm>

Also check out the new Gardenline website: <http://www.sdstate.edu/sdces/resources/lawn/gardenline/index.cfm> .

We have five MG training sites planned for next year. Please help us recruit for these sites. If there is space in the room, you are welcome to sit in on any or all sessions (no charge unless you need a new handbook) - just contact the local office ahead of time.

### 2010 MG Training Sites:

**Mitchell:** Tuesdays, May 24- July 26.  
Application deadline is April 12.

**Pierre:** Wednesdays, June 1-July 27.  
Application deadline is April 20.

**Spearfish:** Tuesdays, March 29—May 24.  
Application deadline is Feb. 15.

**Watertown:** Thursdays, April 7- June 2.  
Application deadline is Feb. 24.

**Yankton:** Thursdays, May 26 - July 21.  
Application deadline is April 14.



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## What butterflies does your garden attract?

It's easy to attract butterflies with both annual and perennial plants. Some plants provide nectar for adult butterflies, and others serve as host plants for caterpillars. Some butterflies feed on tree sap or rotting fruit. Here's a sampling of some of South Dakota's common butterfly species and the plants that can provide for their needs:

butterfly species	caterpillar food	adult food
black swallowtail	dill, carrot, parsley	milkweeds, butterfly bush
Eastern tiger swallowtail	ash	lilac, dame's rocket, verbena
clouded sulphur	clovers	wide variety of flowers – dandelion, dogbane, asters
question mark	nettles, American elm	tree sap, dung, rotting fruit
mourning cloak	willows, American elm, hackberry	tree sap, fermenting fruit
painted lady	thistles	composites – dandelion, thistles
monarch	milkweeds	milkweeds, coneflowers, blazing stars
pearl crescent	asters	wide variety of flowers – dogbane, black-eyed Susan

Source of table: *“Sharing Your Space – A Homeowner’s Guide to Attracting Backyard Wildlife” SD Game, Fish and Parks, 1995.*

South Dakotans are lucky to have a wonderful resource to help identify butterflies. The “Field Guide to Butterflies of South Dakota” covers 177 species documented in the state. Each species account features high-quality photos depicting butterflies in actual size to further aid in identification. Gary Marone, the book’s author, has spent more than 3 decades collecting, photographing and documenting occurrences throughout the state. This book has won national awards for its quality and content, and it would make a wonderful gift for both gardeners and wildlife enthusiasts.

**To purchase a copy for \$39.95 plus \$5 shipping, visit this link:**

<https://apps.sd.gov/applications/GF33/ViewItem.asp?ProductID=34>

Eileen Dowd Stukel

Wildlife Diversity Coordinator, SDGFP

Prairie Potters Master Gardeners

## GARDEN RECIPES

### Apple Trees (Codling Moth Prevention):

This recipe is from a Rapid City Garden Club member, Avis Herdina. (I have seen it work on her trees. Most of her apples can be cut in half and look good enough to be in a magazine. She doesn't use anything else on her apple trees.) In a clean gallon milk jug container, add 1 cup sugar, 1 cup vinegar, and 1 cut up banana peel. Fill jug with water to 3/4 full. Hang one jug on the lowest branch of each tree when blooms start to appear and through late bloom and petal fall. Replace as necessary.

### Deer Repellent Recipe:

The recipe comes from a Master Gardener in the Hill City area [Tom Thorson]. His yard is in the middle of the forest and looks magazine-perfect..no deer nibbles.) Unlike Liquid Fence which leaves a chalky substance on the leaves of plants, this recipe makes the leaves look bright, shiny, and healthy.

Mix together: 1 beaten egg, 1/4 cup vegetable oil, 1/2 cup milk, and 3 tbsp. liquid detergent. >Place in a clean gallon-size plastic milk container. Leave outside to ferment at least one week. To use, add water to fill container. Use sprinkler can with large holes, and sprinkle on foliage, especially new foliage, once a week for 3 weeks. (Be sure to shake mixture frequently as you sprinkle.)

Then, sprinkle every other week. Note: If you have a large yard, make several batches at one time. Also, I add 1 tbsp. dry powdered garlic to my recipe.

*Betty Wagner*

*Master Gardener*

*Pennington County*

### MINNEHAHA COUNTY MASTER GARDENERS

It was a busy summer for members of the group. There was a series of Brown Bag Elluminate presentations that included: Current Horticulture Problems, Garden Weeds, Native Pollinator Conservation, Home-Scale Food Forest (Permaculture),



Several people attended the Emerald Ash Borer 1st Detectors Training held at the Minnehaha County Extension Office in July that was presented by Dr. John Ball. He also organized a trip to England for Master Gardeners in the state that gave them a chance to visit some of the gardens and visit with the local people there.

In July the annual Garden Tour that was chaired by Julie Cleary included a variety of gardens in Sioux Falls. The public enjoyed viewing orchards, rolling grassland, organic gardens, grape vines, and perennial flower gardens.

A tour of the prison in Yankton gave gardeners an inside look at the talent possessed by inmates who grow much of the food they eat. Inmates can now earn a horticulture degree while they serve out their sentence there.

The Gardening With the Masters series that was held throughout the year included topics on flower and vegetable gardening. In February a class titled "It's My First Yard, What Do I Do?" will include information on turf, trees and shrubs.

Gloria Bauske, Secretary

# Prairie Potters :: Hughes & Stanley County

Gentle spring and early summer rains were welcomed as we launched into another wonderful growing season. Although all was not so gentle during the early evening hours of July 23<sup>rd</sup> as one very strong thunderstorm moved across portions of Stanley, Jones and Lyman counties. The community of Vivian was hardest hit with extremely destructive winds, rain and record breaking hail. A record setting hailstone was discovered measuring 8.0 inches in diameter, 18.6 inches in circumference, and weighing in at an amazing 1.9 pounds. This hailstone broke the previous United States hail size record, and put Vivian in the national news! Our own Penny Bower was home at the time and told us that holes left by the hail made mowing the yards a challenge. Some holes were as big as a foot!



Ten members of the Prairie Potters have worked together to maintain a garden in downtown Pierre. The garden is called the Bell Tower Garden because the original bell tower of the Oahe Chapel sits in the middle of the garden. This spring the roof of the bell tower was repaired and the tower straightened. We continue to water, weed, and upgrade the plants. We have labeled the plants so visitors walking through the garden will learn the names of the plants. We continue to receive many compliments on the beauty of the garden.



Prairie Potter President Cindy Jungman experimented this summer with burying large containers with no drainage holes, up to their rims in the garden. Using regular garden soil, she planted cattails into the containers and topped the soil with pea gravel. She kept the containers filled with water, and used mosquito dunks to prevent larva from hatching. The cattails flourished! Cindy has also used this method to grow papyrus and canna plants with great results.

Marla Huse won "Best in show" at the Sully County Fair this summer for a single stemmed large zinnia. She noted that winning the ribbon was a nice surprise for her and that she would never again take those old standby flowers for granted.

Tracy Laqua continues to reach out and inspire youth. Tracy teamed up with the Rawlings Public Library in Pierre, and on September 18<sup>th</sup> participated with their *Reading Adventure Kids* program. Tracy presented a butterfly program. After three butterfly books were read, Tracy shared with the group how to garden for butterflies and caterpillars. She had three Black Swallowtail caterpillars in the observatory and some butterfly mounts courtesy of Gary Marrone. After the presentation, everyone created their own colorful butterfly magnet using recycled pop bottles.

On October 5<sup>th</sup>, with near perfect weather conditions the Pierre Native Plant Arboretum and Nature Area hosted its annual Open House. The event is growing every year, this year there were fifty-seven people in attendance. This event is sponsored by the City of Pierre Arbor Board, the Missouri Breaks Audubon Society and the Prairie Potter Master Gardeners. Younger attendees were given a paper bag with their name on it and encouraged to explore the arboretum to find sticks, leaves and pinecones. They proudly returned with smiles and leafy treasures. Kids of all ages could make pinecone birdfeeders. The pinecones were slathered with peanut butter and then rolled in loose bird seed. The finished product was then bagged and sent home to be hung in trees. A local Cub Scout troupe attended the Open House. They were in search of twenty different varieties of leaves to fulfill requirements to earn their Forester Badge. A full mix of ages attended in weather that was picture perfect. The Arboretum Open House event was a big success.

Our own Penny Bower was one of three to receive the award for Outstanding Volunteer Service for the Extension Master Gardeners. Penny received the award at the SDMG Update in Winner, South Dakota.

Congratulations to Penny, she did a great job!

*Submitted by Tish Gilmore*



## Greetings from the Northeast...

Our ranks have swelled...

21 members of the 2010 Master Gardener's class have joined us as trainees bringing

Prairie Partners 2010 membership to 50.



Prairie Partners Master Gardeners have had a great summer. For the most part we have continued with our predictable but enjoyable projects which include:

### **BROWN COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS**

Spring clean up and planting of the three flower beds at the main and auxiliary entrances; these beds were maintained throughout the summer. Once again we also planted colorful barrels of flowers and placed them strategically throughout the grounds for the Brown County Fair. Each was a further remembrance of long-time member Candice Kub, and contained horticultural "factoids" and a memorial of Candice's life. During fair week members also provided information to the public at our booth, and three members judged the 4-H horticultural exhibits.

### **GARDENING WITH THE MASTERS,**

The spring workshop program was held May 8, 2010 at the Northern Electric Auditorium at Bath, SD. The program covered *Mulching* by Lori Unterseher, *Native Perennials* by Michelle Munger & Kathy Williams, *Composting* by Renita Kainz, and *Soil Testing* by Jerry Mills.

The fall workshop held September 25th at the Dacotah Prairie Museum in Aberdeen featured presentations on *Starting Seeds* by Malee Rozonke, *Growing Garlic* by Cindy Schnabel, *Hardy Roses* by Lori Unterseher, and *Raised Bed/Square Foot Gardening* by Mike Connelly. The 24 attendees each received a bag of iris tubers ready for fall planting, enjoyed refreshments throughout, had an opportunity to ask questions as part of each presentation, and several lucky folks received door prizes.

**YARD & GARDEN SALE** This year's sale featured a highly successful "Echinacea Blow Out" which, when added to the donated plants and garden supplies, resulted in a net revenue of \$1297.25 for club projects.

**THE NEW BEGINNINGS GARDEN** continues to provide at-risk youth a chance to develop gardening skills: soil preparation, planting, weeding, watering and harvesting. In addition to the usual lettuce, onions, potatoes, cukes, cantaloupe and, tomatoes, this year there was a request for sunflowers. The veggie harvest was quite good, however the sunflowers didn't mature in time for a real crop of sunflower seeds—we will see what 2011 bring! The strawberries were another matter—with the "eat as you weed" policy none made it out of the garden to the kitchen.

**MASTER GARDENER HOT LINE** has moved from Friday to Monday. Members continue to answer questions called in to the Brown County Extension office as well as those from our area that were not addressed during that week's live Garden Line program.

### **SOUTH DAKOTA MASTER GARDENER ENDOWMENT FUND.**

Our group has decided once again to benefit the endowment fund by giving members a chance to contribute \$5 to the fund as part of the annual Christmas Social which we plan to hold at Northern Electric in Bath, SD this December.

## Fall River Flowing with Events Provided by their Master Gardeners

The Fall River Master Gardeners are a small, but industrious group. We started the year off with informational class offerings for the public (similar to the tree display offered at the Update, pictured at right). Between February and June 2010 the Fall River Master Gardeners hosted five garden related classes for the public.



Classes covered the spring pruning of trees and shrubs, identifying and gardening with native and near-native plants, assessing garden soil, planting cool spring vegetables, and assisting the gardening enthusiast in selecting projects for entry into the county fair as well as the proper manner in which to present exhibits.

April brought the local Home and Garden show. Members of our group organized and presented a series of seven informational programs offered over the course of the day. The seminars covered deer tolerant plants, roses for our area, bee keeping, preserving your garden's bounty, water feature design and installation, and an update on a fountain (with plantings) that was put in our Centennial Park. In addition to the seminars, our Master Gardener's group shared a booth with the local extension office. Our section featured one member's worm factory. We gave out information about permaculture, sources of materials, and a bag of worm castings to anyone who wanted one to try on houseplants. Many people were not aware of this possibility and were interested in experimenting with worms and/or castings.



In June, Fall River Master Gardeners and the Hot Springs Chamber of Commerce Arts Committee teamed up to co-host a Garden Walk in Hot Springs. Each of the five beautiful gardens highlighted on the tour illustrated how gardeners met specific challenges of site and soil to create truly unique, pleasing gardens. At each garden, the owners as well as members of the Fall River SDSU Master Gardeners were available to talk with visitors and answer questions. Additionally, each garden was enhanced by a local artist or artisan at-work as

well as quilts made by our local Minnehaha Quilters selected and displayed to complement each garden.

Late August brought a trek for many of our members to Winner for the Update. They returned full of information and passion fueled by the inspiring speakers and activities.



To finish our year off, the Master Gardeners helped with the Friends of the Library Fall Carnival in late October. This is a wonderfully fun event that the children look forward to attending. Master Gardeners and their friends are enlisted in providing indoor plant clippings or young plants that have been started. The small plants have a short description attached telling the name (often in Latin and lay terms), watering conditions, light needs, and feeding instructions. There is often information on the plant's historic uses and other interesting facts the donor may supply. Children enjoy the simplicity of paying a ticket to walk around a ring of chairs while music plays. They stop and sit down in a chair when the music ends. If they are in the chair when their corresponding number is called, they get to select a plant from the many choices. We usually have about 300 plants from which over 200 participants may choose. There are many repeat customers at each event. Some of the adults can't help but encourage their child to select specific plants.

Several times in the summer and fall, members of our group met to clean, prune, weed, plant and tend the two library gardens we sponsor. Members also worked to create and finalize an informational brochure that explains the diverse plants displayed in the gardens. This brochure will soon be available in the library. So, next time you're visiting Hot Springs stop by our library, use our brochure, and peruse our gardens; one of the many projects our local Master Gardeners enthusiastically support.

## Garden Gate Master Gardeners

The Garden Gate Master Gardeners hosted the 2010 Update in Win-  
ner at the 4 H center and the Museum on September 10th and 11th.

We had 92 register and several guests attended the *Pheasants in the  
Garden* update.

We decorated with the fall theme and centered on the theme of Pheas-  
ants in the Garden. South Central Master Gardener helped us with  
the decorating.

Overall, the participants were pleased with the food that was served,  
good audience participation, the many breaks, time to bid on the silent  
auction, time for the photo contest, enjoyed the speakers and the hospitality was great.



Volunteers who helped with the Update

Projects planned for 2011 include helping a  
Boy Scout member with his Eagle Scout  
Award. He plans on putting a display by the  
flag poles at the 4H center with scrubs and  
flowers. We will be helping him with select-  
ing the plants to be placed in the display.

Also we plan to help with the flower beds at  
the rural school which is located at the mu-  
seum.

As time progresses we will have other pro-  
jects that we will be working on for the com-  
munity.



New board members from left to right: Secretary JoAnne  
Letellier, Treasurer Mel Glover, Vice President Marla  
Huse and President Karin Woltjer



Past President Penny Bower received an award from  
Rhoda Burrows for her dedication to the state Master  
Gardeners Program

## **Here are some of the things that have kept the Harding County Master Gardeners busy in 2010.**

We meet monthly to discuss projects and someone will present a brief lesson or handout at the meeting.

We are still working on our park which we finally named “**Our Quaint Little Park.**” We planted annuals, perennials and tomatoes this year. We put in a butterfly garden. We have pavers placed for a path and under the benches and picnic table. We will get them in permanently next spring. The tomatoes yielded an excellent crop and were available to whoever wanted them.

We held a plant sale at the annual quilt show again this year. To help finance our projects, we served lunch at the Buffalo High School Rodeo in June. We held our annual Yard and Garden tour. It was held in Buffalo this year. We had 2 yards and a park designed by professionals and 2 yards and a park that were not. It was fun to compare.

In August, we had a Youth Dried Arrangement class at the 4-H Project Day. We supplied all the dried material. The only thing the kids had to bring was something with a hole in it. It was quite interesting and challenging to see what they thought of. We had enough dried material left so we held a class for adults in Camp Crook in September.

One of our master gardeners invited us to her home for a Halloween party. There was a catch. We had to come dressed as something we would find in our garden or yard. We spent a fun afternoon together.

We continue to answer questions and help with gardening and yard problems as they arise.

### ***PLEASE NOTE***

#### **CHANGE IN BYLAWS FOR SD MG OFFICER TERMS:**

##### **Section 3 Term of office**

- a. The term of office for all officers (president, vice president, secretary and treasurer) shall be for two years from the close of the annual meeting at which the officers are elected with the president and secretary versus the vice president and treasurer fulfilling terms in alternating years .

## International Master Gardener Conference 2011



# Join us October 11-14 in Charleston, W.Va.

West Virginia University Extension Service and the West Virginia Master Gardener Association invite you to join us at the 2011 International Master Gardener Conference, October 11 -14 in Charleston, West Virginia.



Come and join us in sharing gardening information, history and Appalachian culture. The International Master Gardener Conference will be held at the Charleston Convention Center October 11-14, 2011 when fall brings cool nights and colorful mountain scenery. The event will provide opportunities to learn gardening techniques that will help increase biodiversity, control exotic weeds, make the most of native plants in the landscape and improve gardening methods. Pre and post tours will help you discover the splendor of the Appalachian Mountains and the beauty and history of West Virginia.

Historic downtown, hotels, restaurants, and our regional shopping mall are within an afternoon stroll. Please come early and stay late to experience our local hospitality and to enjoy fall foliage, festivals and fairs.

## Color it Green in a Wild & Wonderful Way



The Wild and Wonderful State of West Virginia beckons you to its capital city for the 2011 International Master Gardener Conference. Charleston, known in song and lore for its stunning scenery and recreation abundance, has become a regional center for all phases of gardening, landscaping and the associated arts. Centrally situated and crossed by interstates for easy access by auto, plane and rail, Charleston is beautifully banked by an expansive river running through it. Blessed by careful planning, nationally praised restoration and preservation, it presents a variety of historic areas, modern centers for the graphic and performing arts, unique shopping and a devotion to gardens, gardening and gardeners.

## Conference Hotels

All conference hotels are located within in walking distance of the convention center, historic downtown, shops and the million square foot town center mall.

## **Minutes of 2010 Annual Meeting of the South Dakota Master Gardeners on September 11, 2010, Tripp County Fairgrounds, Winner, SD**

The annual meeting of the members of the State Master Gardeners was called to order at 3:15 p.m. Saturday, September 11, 2010 at the Tripp County Fair Grounds Building, Winner, S.D. by President Penny Bower. Said meeting was held pursuant to due notice to the members.

The president introduced the members of the executive board and endowment directors from the various areas.

The business meeting commenced with the announcement that the minutes of last year's annual meeting were published in Across Prairies and Pines and a copy was available in your packet. The president asked if the members wished to approve the minutes as published. A motion was made by Karen Meston, Seconded by Mary DeLeeuw and placed before the membership. The motion was approved by voice vote. There upon, the president, Penny Bower declared the motion carried and the minutes approved.

President Bower requested copies of the financial report be passed out to the members. She called on Mel Glover, treasurer, to give a report on the Master Gardener business account and the endowment account dated September, 2009 to September 2010. There was a question if Huron Master Gardeners had received the support of the state organization to fund the insurance for members manning the horticulture booth at the state fair. Jerry Mills, Horticulture Specialist from Aberdeen reported the \$123 approved in 2009 had been wavered.

The endowment fund will have twenty-five (25%) percent of the monies collected from the 2009 update to September 2010 update plus interest on fund principle available for disbursement. Any member of the Master Gardener organization can apply for financial assistance for an educational horticulture project. The money can be used to help with community projects that provide an educational benefit.

Professional improvement grants are available to individuals planning to attend a seminar workshop or training. Deadline for applying for endowment fund grants is March 1st, 2011. A motion was made by Tracy Laqua to except the treasurer's report, seconded and approved by voice vote.

Doug Hesnard of Hermesa addressed the group and gave a donation of \$50 to the endowment fund from the Custer Master Gardeners.

President Bower called on JoAnn Letellier to report on the executive board meeting held Friday, September 10th, at the Fairgrounds. She recognized the board of directors and endowment board for the time and work of each of them. Their work will benefit each of us as Master Gardeners.

Bob Spomer, past president, gave a summary of the history of the endowment, its first beginning and establishment as a foundation. Mr. Earl Dailey of Rapid City, deceased, presented the idea in 1995. He (Bob Spomer) said it was not an easy task to get the necessary papers filed and in 1999 it was approved. The state membership set 2004 as the deadline to reach a goal set at \$10,000.00. In 2005 the name was changed from a foundation to the endowment fund. The 1st application in 2006 was received from Prairie Partners and Candice Kub requesting \$200.00 Applications for 2009 totaled \$1600.00. Bob Spomer urged people to continue to support our young people in their gardening. The endowment board will have a meeting in February or March of 2011 and review the grant applicants received.

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## **Newsletter Committee Report: “Across Prairies and Pines”**

Tracy Laqua editor had copies of the annual report for 2010. The fall/winter 2009 issue was printed and mailed by Brown County. It was noted electronic copies were put out by Pennington County. The County Extension Offices are receiving the electronic version of the newsletter. Kathy Bruckner, Pennington County office has cleaned up the mailing list. The 2010 summer edition was printed and mailed by Pennington County. There were more members receiving the newsletter by e-mail with a \$170.00 decrease in cost from the fall to the summer newsletter.

Gloria Bauske, Minnehaha County Master Gardener from Flandreau, is the next newsletter editor starting with the fall/winter 2010 issue.

### **No old business**

### **New business:**

At the executive meeting Karin Woltjer, vice president, addressed the board of directors with amending the by-laws to change the terms of vice president/president to run for a term of 2 years. The executive/endowment board passed the amending of:

Article III: Officers– Section 3. Terms of office. (b) The term of office for vice president and president shall be for one year from the close of the annual meeting at which the officers are elected.

Article X reads as follows– Article X: Changes and Amendments for by-laws. Section 1. The by-laws may be amended at any meeting of the association by a 2/3 vote of members present, provided that notice of such a meeting be given at least ten (10) days previous to the meeting and shall include the proposed amendments.

The annual meeting of 2011 will address the amendment and will be voted upon at this meeting.

Bill Keck suggested putting an article in the spring newsletter and members come prepared at the next update in 2011 to vote.

The terms of Secretary and Treasurer were explained. By-Laws read—Article III, Section 3. “That term of office for secretary and treasurer to be for 2 years and to be elected in alternate years.”

Jerry Mills, Horticulture Extension Educator, addressed the group. He asked the possibility of a donation from the S.D. Master Gardener Association to help fund the 2010 top 4-H Horticulture Judging Team to the National Junior Horticulture Association Judging contest, October 8-11 in Cleveland, Ohio. He would like to propose the S.D. Master Gardeners discuss an annual pledge/commitment to help each year's top S.D. team to attend and compete in the NJHA Contest.

The 2010 team has been chosen from Milbank, Grant County. There are 4 members and 2 chaperones that will be going to Cleveland, Ohio. He asked if we would consider using the endowment fund to help fund this trip with \$1,000. and consider this an annual commitment. He would like to see this as preparing youth for horticulture as a career.

Bill Keck, Rapid City, asked that the Master Gardener group consider the request for the 4-H Horticulture judging team assistance in the amount of \$750.00. Motion by Bill Keck, in light of the treasurer's report from last year. The silent auction total collected was \$1,390.75, using 1/2 of the silent auction of 2010, with a maximum of \$750.00. A check be sent to the 4-H Foundation, earmarked for sending 4-H members to National junior Horticulture Association Judging contest for one (1) year only. Cathee Draine seconded the motion. It was passed by voice vote.

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Motion by Bill Keck, in light of the treasurer's report from last year. The silent auction total collected was \$1,390.75, using 1/2 of the silent auction of 2010, with a maximum of \$750.00. A check be sent to the 4-H Foundation, earmarked for sending 4-H members to National junior Horticulture Association Judging contest for one (1) year only. Cathie Draine seconded the motion. It was passed by voice vote.

### **Nominating committee:**

President Bower called on Karin Woltjer to report on the nominations and introduce the candidates for the board. Candidates are as follows: Vice President-Marla Huse, Onida, S.D.; Secretary JoAnn Letellier, Norris, S.D.; Cathy Draine made the motion, seconded by Mabel Schmit, all those in favor of JoAnn Letellier, Secretary and Marla Huse, vice president to answer aye. By voice vote they will take office.

Penny Bower called for two volunteers to serve three (3) year terms on the endowment board. The terms of Bob Spomer, Sturgis, SD and Kathy Behrend of Parkston, expire with this meeting.

Cathy Draine, Black Hawk, SD, and Mabel Schmit, volunteered to serve on the Endowment Board for 2010/2013. The Vice president, Marla Huse, is chairperson. For the board, other members are Mel Glover, Rapids City, Pat Nielsen of Winner for terms of 2008/2011. Karen Engelhart of Bison and Jackie Wilcox of Sioux Falls for terms of 2009/2012.

Doug Hesnard, Hermosa, asked the State Master Gardeners and Dr. Rhoda Burrows, State Horticulture Coordinator: What guidelines does the state have for Master Gardeners from out of state? Dr. Burrows addressed it, stating it depends on where they were trained and what state they came from. Nebraska gardeners would be o.k, but if they came from California they may have to attend classes on soils and plants. They would be interns and need to pay back 30 hours before a name tag could be issued.

Mabel Schmit reported on the update in Winner. There were 99 registered for the update. She thanked everyone for coming.

Tamra Glover, a member of the Pennington County, Master Gardeners, passed out invitations for the 2011 update. Be sure to save and bring them back to next years' update. The keynote speaker will be Barb Melera, CEO of Landreth Seeds. Also a representative of 'Seeds of Change' will be on the program plus "Garden Photograph's" from the Hills. The update will be at the Ramkota Hotel in Rapid City on September 16—17, 2011.

The 2012 update will be held in Brookings, SD. Mary Deleuw welcomed everyone to come to the program in Brookings. She hoped to have the update in the new conference building at McCrory Gardens Education Center.

Dr. Burrows, Coordinator, recognized the new interns attending the update. She reported trainings in 2010 will be in Eagle Butte for a fall session and spring training in Spearfish, Yankton, Watertown, Pierre and Mitchell. There will need to be 20 people registered for a class.

There being no further business, President Bower declared the meeting adjourned.

JoAnn Letellier, Secretary