Friends of the Andersen Horticultural Library
Annual Meeting, July 23, 2018, 1:00 pm

President Paul Schlick welcomed members of the Friends and visitors. New members and attendees were introduced and welcomed.


Secretary Wendy Brockman asked for a motion to accept the minutes from the April 2018 meeting as mailed. The motion was seconded and passed.

The Treasurer’s Report was presented by Treasurer Barbara Spannaus.
- The Friends current account balance is $28,758.15 less a reserve of $7,500.00 ($2,000.00 required by the Friends Board plus $5,500.00 to help support a botanical art exhibition in 2019) leaving $21,258.15 available.
- The Treasurer’s Report was approved. Report details and financial information are available in the library to any member upon request.

The Membership Report was presented by Membership Chair Mike Behrendt.
- Currently there are 139 members, including 36 who have not yet paid dues for 2018-19. They will be sent another reminder.

Book Sale Chair Judy Schlick presented the Book Sale Report.
- FAHL members are encouraged to drop off books and to ask friends to donate items for the book sale.
- The 2018 Book Sale will be September 28 - 30, 10:00 am - 4:00 pm (a week earlier than usual) in the MacMillan Auditorium. The Friends Members’ pre-sale will be Thursday, September 27th from 3:30 to 6:00 pm. Members only, no book resellers.
- Members were asked to contact Judy or the library if they have recommendations for nearby venues to drop off Book Sale flyers.

A planned giving presentation was presented by Friends President Paul Schlick, Librarian Kathy Allen and Susan Taylor, the Arboretum’s Director of Development. Paul presented information about the financial
challenges facing the library, Kathy spoke of the importance and the uses of the AHL endowment fund, and Susan Taylor spoke about options for planned giving contributions to the AHL endowment fund. Members who want more information about contributing directly to the library’s endowment fund, either currently or in the future, are encouraged to call Susan at (612) 301-1266.

Librarian Kathy Allen presented the Library Report.

- The library now has a full complement of staff and it is a great team. Lee Anne Laskey who started in April and Julie Friedman who started last month are both halftime employees.

- Two out of three planned library pop-ups in conjunction with the Ridgedale Public Library at the Minnetonka Farmers Market have taken place. Everyone is looking forward to perfect weather on August 24th when apple-themed items will be presented.

- Information on the Flora & Fauna Illustrata (FFI) project and relevant library resources will be presented to approximately 30 members of the Great River Chapter of the American Society of Botanical Artists next Sunday. Friends member Judy Spiegel will help with the presentation. Also, several more FFI works will be juried on July 30th which should bring the collection to nearly 50 accepted pieces.

- Recent library visits include members of the local chapter of the Jane Austen Society interested in seeing the library’s original Humphry Repton books from the early 1800s. He and his landscape design books are mentioned in Jane Austen’s novels. Also, relatives of Thomas Sadler Roberts came to see all of the 288 original botanical watercolors done by Emma Roberts and Agnes Williams.

- Upcoming Library Exhibits and Displays (details will be included in the fall newsletter):
  - Flora & Fauna Illustrata (FFI) 2nd Annual Exhibition
    Minnesota Landscape Arboretum Skyway Gallery, September 15, 2018 - January 3, 2019
  - Birds! Celebrating the Year of the Bird
    Andersen Horticultural Library, September – December, 2018
  - Roots to Healing: A brief survey of the past, present and future of plant-based remedies in Minnesota
    Minnesota Landscape Arboretum Skyway Gallery & Andersen Horticultural Library
    January 8 – April 30, 2019
    Minnesota Landscape Arboretum Reedy Gallery, May 9 – August 13, 2019
    Sponsored by Friends of the Andersen Horticultural Library
  - Celebrating Arboretum Trees: the 3rd Annual Flora & Fauna Illustrata (FFI) Exhibition
    Minnesota Landscape Arboretum Skyway Gallery & Andersen Horticultural Library
    May 9 – August 13, 2019

The Program Committee Report was presented by Kathy Allen. Today’s speaker is L. Peter MacDonagh, internationally recognized authority on sustainable landscape architecture and bio-engineering, adjunct professor at the University of Minnesota, and co-founder of Design+Science for The Kestrel Design Group in Edina. His talk will be The New Plant Frontier of Extensive Green Roofs: What, Where, When, Why and How.
At our October meeting (Monday, October 22nd) we’ll be treated to a talk by John & Jenny Thull who work at the HRC. John is a grape viticulturist, Jenny is an HRC gardener. Their talk will be on *Growing Heirloom Pumpkins, Squashes, and Gourds*.

President Paul Schlick presented **Other Business**.
- Shirley Mah Kooyman was nominated and elected for a new term as FAHL Vice President.
- Barbara Spannaus was nominated and elected for a new term as FAHL Treasurer.
- The need for new people to run for FAHL offices was discussed and members were encouraged to participate.
- A new email option for sending newsletters and minutes was explained and will be tried out with the October meeting minutes. Members will receive both emailed and mailed copies of the newsletter and meeting minutes and, if they wish, will be able to opt out of continuing to receive the mailed copies in the future.
- Committee chairs for 2018-19 were named: Mike Behrendt (Membership); Judy Schlick (Book Sale); Shirley Kooyman & Kathy Allen (Program).

President Paul Schlick adjourned the meeting.

Treats were provided courtesy of Mary Lou Klacan, Lorraine Brasket, and Sue Cornelius.

Vice President Shirley Mah Kooyman presented speaker L. Peter MacDonagh, an internationally recognized authority on sustainable landscape architecture and bio-engineering, co-founder and director of Design + Science for The Kestrel Design Group, Inc in Edina, MN, and Adjunct Professor at the University of Minnesota’s College of Design. His talk *The New Plant Frontier of Extensive Green Roofs: What, Where, When, Why and How* was enjoyed by all.

Minutes respectfully submitted,  
Wendy Brockman,  
September 10, 2018

**Reminders:**

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