Friends of the Andersen Horticultural Library Annual Meeting

January 28, 2019, 1:00 pm

Vice President Shirley Kooyman welcomed members of the Friends and visitors. New members and attendees were introduced and welcomed.

The following attendees signed in: Christine Aho, Kathy Allen, Mary Diane Bass, Michael Behrendt, Alan Branhagen, Gretchen Burau, John Cheleen, Mary Cheleen, Susan Cross, Jeff Iseminger, George Klacan, Mary Lou Klacan, Shirley Mah Kooyman, Pamela Layton, Susan Lundgren, Peter Moe, Amy Owen, Judy Schlick, Barbara Spannaus, Lucienne Taylor, and Bob Torkelson. Several Arboretum employees were also in attendance.

Vice President Shirley Kooyman asked for a motion to accept the minutes from the October 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 $26,516.40 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 $19,016.40 available.

The Treasurer's Report was approved. Report details and financial information are available in the library to any member upon request.

Book Sale Chair Judy Schlick presented the Book Sale Report.
- FAHL members are encouraged to drop off books after February 4 and to ask friends to donate items for the book sale.
- The 2019 Book Sale will be October 4-6, 10:00 am - 4:00 pm in the MacMillan Auditorium. The Friends Members' pre-sale will be Thursday, October 3, from 3:30 to 6:00 pm.

The Membership Report was presented by Membership Chair Mike Behrendt.
- Currently there are 122 members.
- The distribution policy for Friends newsletters and meeting minutes was presented. Members were asked to let the board or library know whether they would like to receive the newsletter only by email in order to save time and money.
- Thanks to library assistant Julie Friedman we now have an online archive of recent newsletters and meeting minutes.

Librarian Kathy Allen presented the Library Report.
- A generous donor funded acquisition of a rare book on medicinal plants for Andersen Horticultural Library: Phytographie medicale by Joseph Roques, French botanist and physician; published in 2 volumes in France in 1821. It includes 180 color plates of medicinal plants.
• The AHL Librarian and the Extension Librarian, Kristen Mastel, co-presented a webinar for Master Gardeners throughout the state: *Grow Your Expertise: online resources to feed your curiosity and answer questions*, which had a record 80 attendees.

• The current exhibit in both the skyway gallery and the library will be up through April: **Roots to Healing: a brief survey of the past, present, and future of plant-based remedies in Minnesota** is a joint exhibit with Dr. Lisa Philander, the curator of the UM College of Biological Sciences Conservatory, and was previously on display at the Northrop Gallery. An exhibition reception will be held Saturday, April 13th, from 4-6 pm in the Snyder Building. Enjoy botanically-inspired science activities, music, and food. *Please join us* for the festivities and a brief program about the new College of Biological Sciences Conservatory on the University of Minnesota’s St. Paul campus.

• The Friends of AHL are very generously supporting the upcoming exhibition **Out of the Woods: Celebrating Trees in Public Gardens – The Third ASBA/New York Botanical Garden Triennial.** Out of the Woods will be on display in the Reedy Gallery May 9-August 13. There are more than 40 artworks in the show, including one by local artist Linda Medved Lufkin depicting a Hawthorn branch from a tree here at the Arboretum. On Saturday, May 18, which is Worldwide Day of Botanical Art, there will be an official opening and reception from 3-6:30 pm in the Reedy Gallery and MacMillan Auditorium. There will be art demos, tours of the show, and Exhibitions Director of the ASBA, Carol Woodin (who also has a painting in the show), will give a talk on the global initiative that led to establishment of the Worldwide Day of Botanical Art. This event will be ticketed, with Arboretum members receiving a discount. Friends members will be able to attend for free – please join us! We will send out an email with instructions for reserving your ticket in the next few weeks. Space is limited!

The **Program Report** was presented by Program Committee Co-chair Shirley Kooyman.

• Peter Moe, Arboretum Director, will speak today on **The Past, Present & Future of the Arboretum.** We waited a year for this presentation (it was snowed out last January) and are eager to hear it!
• Our next meeting falls on Earth Day, April 22. U of M Professor George Weiblen will present on **Global Forest Observatories: An International Network Monitoring Biotic Responses to Our Changing Climate.** Dr. Weiblen’s many titles include Science Director of the Bell Museum of Natural History; Distinguished McKnight Professor; Plant & Microbial Biology Fellow of the Institute on the Environment; and Cannabis DNA expert.
• The Friends Luncheon will be in August (date TBD). Our speaker will be Lucie Amundsen, author of the funny, informative, award-winning book **Locally Laid: How We Built a Plucky, Industry-changing Egg Farm—From Scratch.**

Shirley Kooyman called for **other business.** Susan Cross announced that the library is planning to have a mini Miserable Day in the next month or two and we are looking for some volunteers. [It will be held March 5.]
Vice President Shirley Kooyman adjourned the meeting.

Treats were kindly provided by Christine Aho, ....?

Program Committee Co-chair Shirley Kooyman introduced Peter Moe, Minnesota Landscape Arboretum Director. His talk, **The Past, Present, and Future of the Arboretum** was chock-full of information and was enjoyed by all.

Minutes respectfully submitted,
Kathy Allen
March 4, 2019

Reminders:

April 13, 4-6pm: Reception for the **Roots to Healing** exhibition. Join us for botanically infused treats, activities, and a brief talk. Snyder Building; free.

April 22, 1pm: Our April Friends speaker will be Dr. George Weiblen, McKnight Distinguished Professor, speaking on **Global Forest Observatories**.

May 18: 3-6:30pm: Opening Reception for the **Out of the Woods** exhibition. Join us for gallery tours, art demos, and a talk on the establishment of the Worldwide Day of Botanical Art. Reedy Gallery & MacMillan Auditorium; free for Friends of AHL; must register (email will be sent with coupon code).