



Waupaca County July 2016

Master Gardener Volunteers' Newsletter

Master Gardener Meetings are held the 2nd Thursday of the Month.

In the event that a meeting or event is canceled due to weather, please listen to WJMQ 92.3 and WDUX 92.7 for cancellation information. We will also attempt to notify members via email.

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July 14, 2016 Summer Meeting

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Pine River, WI 54965**

6:00 pm Social
6:30 pm Business Meeting & Talk with Shellyt
Graziano Christy
7:00 pm Walk through display gardens & shop
BYO lawn chair



2015 Executive Board Members

- President: Rebecca Weber-Schmoll**
- Vice-President: Sally Marchel/Handrich**
- Secretary: Deana Hirte**
- Treasurer: Bridget Kurth**
- Member at Large: Patty Tomczak-Virnig**
- Member at Large: Kathleen Daley**
- Past President: Susan Morack**
- State Board Rep: Pat Ritchie**
- UWEX Advisor: Greg Blonde**

From Greg Blonde: MGV members please contact my secretary or me at 715-258-6230 extension 2 with any changes regarding contact information. For example send a change in name, email, mailing address, or phone number.
greg.blonde@ces.uwex.edu

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August 11, 2016 Summer Meeting

White Lake Nursery - Weyauwega (old Thompsons Nursery)
6:00 pm Social
6:30 pm Business meeting & meet the owner - Nancy Vercellotti
7:00 pm Walk through gardens & nursery (opportunity to purchase plants etc)
BYO lawn chair

2016 Garden Walk and Art Stroll

The Master Gardener sponsored Garden Walk and Art Stroll was a great success! We were favored with a beautiful sunny day, although the weather was perhaps warmer than ideal. The gardens were exceptionally beautiful! The gardeners themselves were enthusiastic and available to those on tour, willing to add insights and answer questions about their plants, gardens, and related environment. Each garden seemed to be unique in its offerings, adding a great deal of interest. In addition to the gardens, eighteen artists were on site to offer an artistic dimension to the natural settings. We were supported by 36 volunteers who came forth to welcome people at each garden, some from our membership, some from the community. This was truly a group effort!

A total of 9 gardens were showcased, including our own New London Children's Garden. Thanks to all involved in that particular garden, headed by Laurie Sloma. Seeing the work of those learning to garden was inspiring. Thanks also to Bridget Kurth for showing her garden.

All total, 203 tickets were sold. THANKS to everyone for all the hard work put into this event.

Special thanks to our committee: Joan Schmitt, Bill Johnson, Jean Skewes, Pat Ritchie, Bridget Kurth, Deana Hirte, and Chirs and Richard Bando. A special thanks to Sally Marchel Handrich, for all her good work on this project. Without all those involved, this event would not have been the success it was!
Ila Sanders

June Minutes

I. Call to order

Rebecca Weber-Schmoll called to order the off site potluck meeting of the UW-Extension Waupaca County Master Gardener Association at 6:30pm on June 9, 2016 at the home and gardens of Kate and Mark Saunders.

II. Guests welcomed

Marv Nollenberg, Chris Kurth, Mike Hirte, and MG scholarship recipient Ryan and his mother, Carrie were welcomed

III. MG Scholarship

Scholarship recipient Ryan spoke of his college and future plans attending UW-Stevens Point in the area of Biology/Natural Resources/Conservation and Spanish. He currently is working summer help at Waupaca Foundry.

IV. Secretary's Report/Approval of Minutes

Barb motioned and Connie 2nd to approve the minutes from the May 2016 meeting as emailed/snail mailed out to membership.

V. Treasurer's Report

Bridget Kurth gave treasurer's report.

VI. Committee Reports

Membership: Sally and Connie-nothing new to report

Program/Publicity: Sally stated the July program will be held at Graziano's and the August program will be held at White Lake Nursery site 2.

Plant Sale Update: \$3184.25 was made from the sale. Special thanks to those that dug, those that brought food, those that hauled and all the volunteers that worked to make the sale a success.

Garden Walk: 3 meetings have been held: gardeners mtg, meet the artist/gardener meeting and the volunteer meeting. We have 36 volunteers working the walk/stroll; 9 gardens and 18 artists.

VII. State Representative Report:

Pat reported not much new. The website is having some issues right now. The 2016 Upper Midwest Regional Master Gardener Conference and state conference will be held at the Chula Vista Resort in Wisconsin Dells, September 14-17, 2016.. Registration available online.
<https://midwestmgconference.wordpress.com/>

VIII. Old Business:

S.O.P.: Kate continues to work on S.O.P.s-Standard Operating Procedures.

By-laws: revision ongoing. To be presented in the Fall.

Executive Board Meetings held first Monday in October and December at Royalton Church at 6:30pm. Historian Patty is looking for any MG items of interest for history books. Also wondering if our group owns a camera for historian duties. Discussion of camera owned in the past, whereabouts unknown however now outdated. A motion was made by Peggy and 2nd by Barb to purchase a new camera and hopefully use grant funds as suggested by Pat. (see below). Motion approved

IX. New Business:

Grant Money: Pat discussed grant opportunities available in the amounts of \$100; \$250 and \$400 for Master Gardener programs. Criteria and forms for the grants are available online at state website. Pat volunteered to be our grant liason and all grant requests must go through her first to avoid 'double dipping' or duplicate application. Oct 1 deadline.

Project Reports-

New London Children's Garden-It was shared that 14 kids are prepping the garden for our Garden Walk/Art Stroll. Connie made a motion to replace the Dottie Kramlich Memorial Bench as it is no longer viable, Kate 2nd, motion approved.

Waupaca Children's Garden-officially began yesterday, 23 children and 2 interns participating. Square foot gardening being used. Community Garden-things going well and up and running-food being delivered to those on distribution list (13000 lb food grown on the 1 1/2 acre garden

Storage/Rental Space-Pat announced the Wega Historical Society will now have space in the new community building and will no longer need to share the storage space. The rent is \$35 a month. Their items may possibly be all moved out by this summer and into their new space.

Fair-Pat will get info out when available to call for volunteers to work at this year's fair in MG booth, etc She encourages all to "think about the fair"! Terry and Peggy shared that they have buckthorn and are renting goats to contain-40 goats and a guard dog are being used-they will keep us informed

X. Mark motioned to adjourn meeting, Tom seconded.

Rebecca Weber-Schmoll adjourned the meeting at 7:05pm.
Food, garden tours and fellowship followed.

Minutes submitted by: Deana Hirte

WCMGV Grant Opportunities

Educational Grants: Wimga gives out grants each year in the amount of \$100.00, \$250.00, and \$400.00. To get the grant application type in:

<http://www.wimga.org/>

Click on Educational Grants on the top tool bar. Grant applications and submission guide lines are found. If you have questions or trouble getting the information contact Pat Ritchie

County Fair is coming!!

The Waupaca County Fair is coming August 24-28. This is an excellent time to pick up some last minute volunteer hours. Help is needed all 5 days.

Wednesday August 24 help is needed in the youth building to take in Junior Fair entries and display them. There are shifts from 12 noon until 8:00 in the evening. Shifts this day run from 12-4 and 4-8. There are 3 different areas to work in, Vegetables, Crops and Flowers and Houseplant. Thursday August 25 help is again needed in the youth building for the judging of the 3 above categories. Houseplants and Flowers need about 4 people one of which can climb the risers. The other two areas need 2 people each to help with judging. Work time is 9:30 AM until judging is done, about 4PM or earlier depending on the number of exhibits.

Friday August 26 we are in the open class building taking in entries and helping with judging of Open Class houseplants and flowers. About 5 people are needed in the morning to help enter the plants and place them and 5 in the afternoon to help with the judging. Shifts run in the morning from 8:00am until noon and Noon until judging is done usually about 4 or 5:00 depending on entries.

On Friday evening and Saturday August 27, and Sunday August 28 the Master Gardeners have a display booth and answer question for the public. This is one of our opportunities to help educate the public. Three hour shifts are offered each day from 10AM-10 PM on Saturday until 7:00pm on Sunday and from 4PM - 10PM on Friday. Please consider and volunteer. Call or e-mail Pat Ritchie for further details

July 2016 President Letter

Our Garden Walk/ Art Stroll is now history. Despite the extremely hot and humid temperatures of the day, it was a successful fundraiser, thanks to the hard work of our committee members. I heard many positive comments about the garden walk and the various gardens. Thanks again to Ila, Sally, Bill, and all M.G.V.s' who worked so hard.

We are now enjoying summer's bounty. My (husband Don's) garden is now producing radishes, peas, lettuce, spinach, and garlic scapes. Soon our zucchini plants will be providing one of the main ingredients for a summer stir-fry meal. Oh, and then there are always chocolate zucchini brownies! I was also "lucky" enough to go strawberry picking so I could then process thirty-five pounds of red fruit.

Our July meeting will be held at one of our local greenhouses, Graziano Gardens. This might be a good time to pick up some plants to fill in any bare or problem areas in your landscape. I have several bare spots in my flowerbeds, thanks to rabbits or maybe a ground hog or possibly a deer!

These might be the carefree days of summer, but the weeds keep sprouting and growing. Plants and gardens need watering, and lawns need mowing. Oh well, as my mother would say, a little hard work never hurt anyone!

Until the blackberries ripen...Rebecca

July Birthdays

7/2 Carol West-Dahl
7/5 Mark Saunders
7/11 Connie Jess Zolkoske
7/18 Diane Montgomery

WCMGV 2016 Garden Walk



At the Herried Garden



The New London Children's Garden



At the Kurth Garden



Malcome Hathorne, Artist