



Waupaca County November 2017

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.

Program November 9, 2017

Waupaca County Courthouse

6:00 pm Social

6:30 pm Business meeting

7:15-7:30pm Program: "Monarch Migration Update" by Rob Zimmer

2016 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: Susan Young

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.
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Programming

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December 14, 2017

Please Note: **New location**

Royalton Church in Royalton, WI

6:00 pm Christmas Party

Dates to remember for 2018:

***Spring Plant Sale -**

Saturday, May 19, 2018

***Garden Walk & Art Stroll -**

Saturday, June 23, 2018

October Meeting Minutes

Call to order-Rebecca

Rebecca Weber-Schmoll called the regular meeting of the UW-Extension Waupaca County Master Gardener Association to order on October 12, 2017.

Approval of Minutes

Barb motioned for approval of the September 2017 minutes and Jean seconded.

Treasurer's Report:

Bridget gave report. There are currently 23 paid members. Thank yous received from Iola, Sturm, and Marion libraries for donation received from our group.

Committee Reports:**Membership:**

Sally presented new member binders to our new members: Vicki and Jane. Sign up sheet for committees passed around.

Program:

Sally shared next month's program will feature speaker Rob Zimmer on the subject of Monarch butterflies.

State Representative Report:

Pat asked for everyone's volunteer and continuing education hour sheets as they are now due.

Old Business:**Mission of Hope:**

Jean was not present to report

Executive Board meeting:

The next executive board meeting will be held the third Monday in October -10/16/17- at 6:30pm at the church in Royalton. Everyone is invited to attend.

Grant Writing:

Patty and Vicki shared that grant has been written and submitted, just waiting for response now.

New Business:**Nomination committee-elections:**

Sally commended Connie for her hard work in achieving a full slate of officers.

President: Sally VP: Patty

Secretary: Deana Treasurer: Bridget

Exec Board Member: Jane W.

Past President: Rebecca

State Rep: Pat

UWEX Advisor: Greg

Membership committee: Connie

Publicity and Programing: Sue M and Joan S

Voting for new officers to take place at the November meeting.

Joan read through a list of ideas for programming topics and those present raised their hands if they were interested in these ideas. Programming will be scheduled according to interest.

Christmas Party:

Patty asked for membership to submit new ideas for party. Vicki and Barb volunteered to help with party. Other ideas : Plant lady for tables; Secret Santa option.

The Frightened Frog:

Sue enlisted help from membership to deliver books to area libraries. Pat shared a new book in series coming out soon.

Adjournment:

Rebecca Weber-Schmoll asked for a motion to adjourn. Sally motioned, Joan seconded, the meeting adjourned.

Program given by Craig and June Olson on growing garlic in Wisconsin followed.

Minutes submitted by: Deana Hirte

President Letter:

Batten down the hatches. November is here with cold gusty winds. The gardening season is now completed. All I have left to do is the clean up, which is a big job. All the cute yard art must now be stored away for the winter. Hoses drained, rolled, and hauled into the garden shed. Rain barrels emptied before freezing and cracking. Garden tools cleaned and put in the garden shed. Five pairs of garden gloves to either launder or toss. Leaves to rake, hopefully to be used as mulch in gardens or composted. November just seems like a whole lot of work to me. Flowerbeds await cleanup. I usually just leave all the plant material standing for winter interest, and the flower heads provide food for the wild birds. This approach suits my procrastinating nature just fine.

One plus of November is that we vegetable gardeners can enjoy the fruit of our labor. To be honest, I can now enjoy the fruits of my vegetable gardener husband. Our root cellar is full of approximately a thousand jars of canning. Five-gallon pails of potatoes, pails of pears, and pails of apples are all stored, either in the garage or the root cellar. Onions, garlic, and winter squash are all piled in the cooler shed. It is such a nice feeling to enjoy a meal where everything cooked was raised by us. It

makes me feel just like Laura of Little House on the Prairie fame, or more appropriately, Rebecca of Sunnybrook Farm.

November brings the election of officers for our organization. Thank you to those members willing to move into an officer position. One more reminder to get budget request sheets turned in. Officers meet in December to work on the budget for the upcoming year. We will also be hearing details of our Christmas party coming up in December. Patty will be sharing details of a change in location for our party. Looking ahead there will be planning for both our plant sale and garden walk. After our winter gardening hibernation, we will all be eager gardeners working for our organization.

I am hopeful that November will still grant us a few mild Indian summer days to complete all our garden chores. I love to gather a few dried milkweed pods to share with my granddaughter Penelope June. We love blowing the silky milkweed parachutes off into the breeze. November also offers us a few beautiful colors. Purple skies and golden dried asparagus plants accented with fallen red maple leaves can bring a smile when taking a break from those garden chores.

Until all those jack-o-lantern pumpkins are properly composted.....**Rebecca**

November MG Birthdays:

11/12 Jean Skewes
11/19 Deana Hirte
11/19 Virginia Morgan

