



Waupaca County September 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.

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7:00 pm Business Meeting
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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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September 14 Meeting

Waupaca County Courthouse
6:00 pm Social
6:30 pm Amy Starr, Cross Cut Solutions, "Cut Fall Flowers & More". Amy Starr is the owner of Crosscut Solutions, a diverse business in Manawa which includes both a manufacturing facility and a greenhouse. Amy will share information about the products and services the greenhouse offers, as well as the importance of involvement in the community.
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If anyone needs some help with their hour tabulation sheet or a description of what a particular committee does, a member of the Membership Committee will be happy to help you out.

Welcome Back to the Courthouse! Make sure you come to the September meeting because we will have a drawing for several prizes! You must be there to win. I guarantee you this will be fun! See you on Thursday, September 14.

October 12, 2017

Waupaca County Courthouse
6:00 pm Social
6:30 pm Business meeting
7:15-7:30pm Program: "Planting & Harvesting Garlic" by Craig & June Olson

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

December 14, 2017

Waupaca County Courthouse
6:00 pm Christmas Party

August Meeting Minutes

Call to order

Rebecca Weber-Schmoll called the regular meeting of the UW-Extension Waupaca County Master Gardener Association to order at 6:33 pm on August 10, 2017. The meeting was held at the home of member Bridget Kurth and her husband, Chris. Thirteen members and one guest were in attendance.

Approval of Minutes

Connie motioned for approval of the July 2017 minutes and Patty seconded.

Treasurer's Report

Bridget presented treasures report.

Committee Reports:

Spring Plant Sale: Rebecca asked for a volunteer for next year's plant sale chairperson. No volunteers came forward. Tabled until next month's meeting.

Garden Walk/Art Stroll: Rebecca stated the \$100 charge was for partial website setup. She reviewed consensus from the last meeting. We will not be using the printing and website as in previous years due to expense. Members offered ideas on alternative tickets/maps: a simple tri-fold option, high school class may be willing to set up and print tickets.

Membership: It was shared that Mark Saunders, MG member and children's garden leader, recently fell and received serious injury to tendons. Peggy will be taking over children's garden duties as he heals.

Program/Publicity/Promotional Display Committee: Meetings will be held back at courthouse beginning in September.

Fair Display-Pat shared ideas for display on pests and growing conditions. Patty, Vicki, and Sue have decided on trifold display on wet and dry harvests.

State Representative Report: Pat spoke about experiences with the background

check system. Not all are completed. Responses were time sensitive. Volunteers are needed to sit in the booth (three hour shifts) at the fair. Fair dates are Aug 23 thru the 27. Volunteer badges for volunteers were discussed. Volunteers can pick up badges at Faye Wilson's home. Traffic flow for the fair was discussed.

Old Business:

Mission of Hope: Jean shared the north side of the building is done and the sign is in. Currently they are in a holding pattern as they wait for large stone delivery.

Executive Board meeting: The next executive board meeting will be held the third Monday in October at 6:30pm at the church in Royalton. December TBD.

Grant Writing: Patty and Vicki shared doubts about the chamber grant. Members discussed ideas and Patty and Vicki will revisit the grant requirements and report back. Other grant options were also discussed to include the Community Foundation grant opportunities.

Children's Gardens-all are currently harvesting: Waupaca-16 children involved, Head Start-8-10 children involved, New London-12 children involved.

New Business:

Fall A Rama-Fall opportunity was discussed and the membership declined involvement this year.

Adjournment:

Jean motioned for adjourned and Pat seconded. The meeting adjourned at 7:11 pm.

Yard walks and free plants were offered to membership by Bridget.

Minutes submitted by: Deana Hirte

September 2017 M.G. President Letter

September already. Summer officially ends September 22, but already Fall is in the air. Nighttime temperatures are cooler. The orioles, rose breasted grosbeaks, and many of our other beautiful spring birds have already migrated back down South. Summer container plantings now have a ragged worn-out look. Soon we will have the first frost. The cold temperatures will nip tender vegetable planting. Apple picking has begun. Soon bright orange pumpkins will poke out from all the green leaves and vines in the garden. Tomato canning will continue at this house. I guess that happens when "someone" plants thirty-six tomato plants. So far those thirty-six plants have produces jars of canned tomatoes, tomato-vegetable juice, and now spaghetti sauce. I am blessed to have a large root cellar for storing all this canned bounty. September also means that our organization returns to the courthouse for our monthly meetings. No more wandering through beautiful gardens and admiring all the flowers and plantings done by our fellow M.G. members. Our September meeting's main focus is organization for 2018. We will be signing up for all the various committees and projects that make up our M.G. organization. I have my fingers crossed that we will have someone step forward to be our spring plant sale chairman. Remember this is our major fund raising project, and everyone pitches in to make the plant sale successful. Besides signing up for committees and projects for next year, we will be having a speaker, Amy Starr from Cross Cut Solutions, who will be speaking on fall flowers. There must be more fall flowers than just chrysanthemums. This is the time of the year when I walk through my yard and garden looking at all the plantings. I am now not thinking of what I want to get done yet this year. I do notice plants that did not do well and plants that need to be thinned. I can in clear conscience decide what gardening projects can go on my 2018 to-do list. For sure, the asparagus bed weeding will be on that list! Maybe year four will be the magic year for conquering all the weeds and grass in that asparagus bed.

I recently travelled down to Nebraska to experience the solar eclipse. It was an amazing experience; well worth four days of driving. Our universe and solar system are breath taking and complex. We live in an absolutely beautiful country with ots of stunning scenery, even though Nebraska and southern Minnesota sure grow a whole lot of corn.

On a final note, I wish to thank Bridget for hosting our August M.G. meeting. Even the raindrops did not prevent us from having an enjoyable evening. Thanks also to Pat and all the other M.G. volunteers who worked so hard at the Waupaca County Fair. We are an amazing group of gardeners.

Until we all have had our fill of sweet corn on the cob.....Rebecca

New London Children's Garden News

Copy and paste the link below to view some of the fantastic activities that went on at the New London Children's Garden this season!

<https://animoto.com/play/xv5SZ1mHh9K8DrpJkZSPg>

September Birthdays

9/14 Kathleen Daley
9/22 Debbie Krogwold



---- Needed: Newsletter Help ----

Tom and Ila Sanders will not be able to assemble and publish the October Newsletter. Please consider doing this for one month. Thanks!