



Waupaca County August 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.

August 10 Meeting

"Out In The Gardens" at Bridget Kurths home & garden, 1909 Mayflower Ct., New London, WI 54961 - Bridget will give directions

**6:00 pm Social
6:30 pm Meeting
No program**

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, 2017

Waupaca County Courthouse

6:00 pm Social
6:30 pm Meeting
7:00 pm Business Meeting
-sign up for committees
-get your program/budget request in
-think about leading a committee
7:30 pm & Amy Starr, Cross Cut Solutions, "Cut Fall Flowers & More"

Meeting Minutes

July 13, 2017

Call to order

Rebecca Weber-Schmoll called the regular meeting of the UW-Extension Waupaca County Master Gardener Association to order at 6:46 pm on July 13, 2017, at the lake home of member Barb Nollenberg and her husband, Marv. Ten members and one guest were in attendance. Prior to the meeting, members were give pontoon rides to the island and toured the historic site of Big Blue.

Approval of Minutes

Minutes were previously sent in the June newsletter. Barb motioned for approval of the June, 2017 minutes and Joan seconded.

Secretary Report-Deana

Deana summarized the previous month's minutes.

Treasurer's Report: Bridget

Bridget gave her report, noting one outstanding check.

Committee Reports:Spring Plant Sale:

Members questioned the net profit of the sale for this year and with some 'guesstimation' it was thought the profit was approximately \$2700. A request was made for someone to take the chairperson role of next year's plant sale. Patty will think about it. She would prefer co-chairing with someone.

Garden Walk/Art Stroll:

With 169 tickets sold, we realized a gross profit of \$1691. Ticket/printing expense was noted at 956.80. There was a question about a website cost. More information will be reported at a later time when more members are present. A lengthy discussion followed about printing costs of the tickets. It was decided that although the tickets are beautiful, we will not pursue this same kind of ticket for next year.

Membership:

Connie spoke of getting an updated membership list out to membership so new members can be contacted about MG business and events. She will contact Greg. There were 7-8 new graduates from the most recent class.

Program/Publicity:

Sue discussed 'grow a weed' idea for the fair booth. Members thought that sounded good for next year. Sue asked for volunteers to do the fair display. Patty will help.

State Representative Report:

Connie spoke on Pat's behalf as Pat was absent. Connie passed around a sign up sheet for the fair for members to volunteer to take a shift/s in various areas. She also encouraged everyone to enter fair items, if they choose.

Old Business:

Mission of Hope: Jean spoke about the Mission of Hope project. The next plant day will be 7/17 at 4:30 for anyone who wants to help. Currently they are working on plants

for the front of the site. Anticipated time of opening will be next winter.

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

Grant Writing: Patty and Vicki will work on this.

Children's' Gardens: NL Children's Garden had a tree fall on the gate from recent storms. Entrance into the garden was blocked until the tree could be cleaned up.

New Business:

Waupaca County Fair-sign-up sheet was passed around.

Fall A Rama-The Waupaca Chamber approached Sally about MG participation in the event. It was reported that Sally had an idea for participation in the event. Deana also shared information about the event from her experience helping the Waupaca Lioness club.

Garden pest, Japanese beetles and rose chafers were discussed.

The recent WIMGA newsletter was discussed regarding an article written by member, Deana Hirte. The article referenced a class (Making Bucket Tables) that Sue and Deana attended at FVTC. Continuing education hours were gained from this class and Connie encouraged everyone to track their hours.

Adjournment:

Rebecca Weber-Schmoll asked for a motion to adjourn. Barb motioned, Connie seconded. The meeting adjourned at 7:31 pm.

August 2017 M. G. President Letter

Our July M. G. meeting took place at Barb N.'s cottage. It was a very relaxing and enjoyable meeting. The beautiful flock of hens free-ranging outside the cottage was cute to watch. Barb's landscaping and cottage décor were both interesting to see, plus a source for new decorating ideas. I do

believe that Barb is the only Master Gardener that I know that can make living in a house of ill-repute both graceful and respectful! Barb can give you the details on that.

Our Wisconsin landscape is so beautiful this time of the year. All the rain that we have had earlier this season has made for some lush green growth. The roadside ditches are lined with the display of Queen Ann's Lace, blue chicory, and bergamot. The smell of all these flowers is intoxicating. I so enjoy my evening bike rides. People's gardens and flowerbeds must all be at their peak right now.

My flowerbeds look pretty darn good right now. The asparagus bed is still weedy. One of these days I will finally conquer the quack grass. The milkweed plants will be allowed to stay to help the Monarch butterfly population. Our vegetable garden has now produced a bumper crop of summer squash and zucchini, plus a few grape and cherry tomatoes. Unfortunately the potato crop has an infestation of potato bugs. Daily hand picking off the orange larva and the mature bugs will take care of that issue. My chickens love eating potato bugs.

Our August meeting will be in New London at Bridget's home. We have been lucky enough to tour her gardens before, both for a M.G. meeting and last year's Garden Art Walk. So we know what a treat it will be to see her gardens. August also brings the Waupaca County Fair. Pat will be asking for our help at the fair and will have sign up sheets. We also will be having a display at the fair to educate people about the Master Gardener program. Help will be needed with this. Remember these are opportunities to earn volunteer hours.

At our August meeting, I will be talking about the Waupaca Fall-O-Rama. We need to decide as a group if we want to undertake this September project. It is always good to get our name and image out there to the public to generate interest in becoming a Master Gardener.

Today husband Donald and I went cherry picking up in Door County. We found an orchard outside of Egg Harbor. Because of all the rain this season, the cherries were the largest I have ever seen. This is just

another example of our state's amazing agriculture bounty.

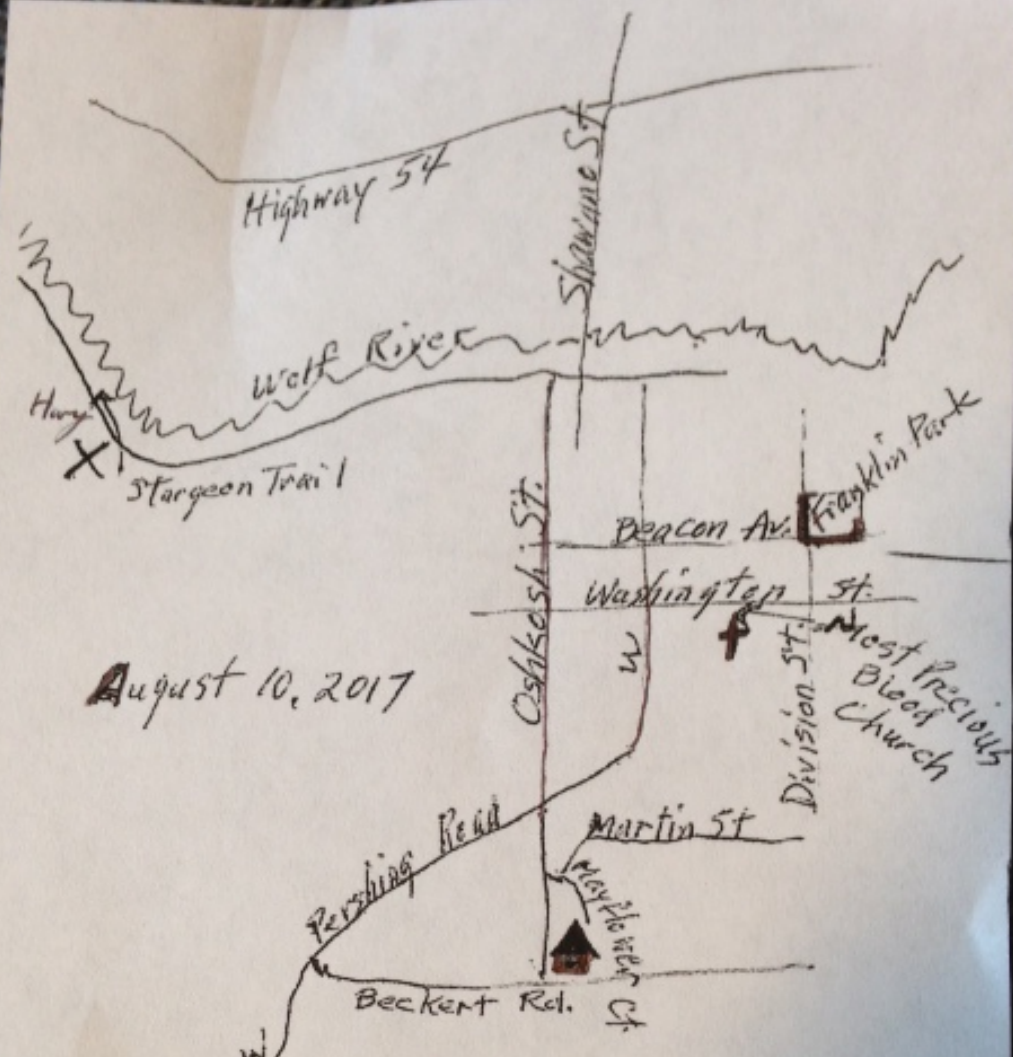
Until you all have enjoyed a piece of freshly baked cherry pie.....**Rebecca**

August Birthdays:

Aug. 11 Greg Blonde



Aug. 24 Glenda Rhodes



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