



## Waupaca County

# Master Gardener Volunteers' Newsletter

**Master Gardener Meetings are held the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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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Unless otherwise stated, meetings and programs will be held in the lower level of the Waupaca County Courthouse.

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**Waupaca County Courthouse**  
**6:00 Social**  
**6:30 Business Meeting**  
**7:30 Program**

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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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### **February Meeting**

February 9, 2016

Waupaca County Courthouse

6:00 Social

6:30 Business Meeting

7:30 Program-Shelly Graziano Christie

"Hooked on Hydrangeas!". With So many new hydrangeas available, many of us are hooked. These new hydrangeas grow in colder climates, smaller spaces, and the blossoms are incredible. What's not to like? Shelly will highlight different hydrangea species focusing on hydrangeas hardy to our zone, care, growing conditions and more.

Shelly is the owner of Graziano Gardens LLC, a local garden center and specialty landscape design company. Since 2005, Shelly has been designing gardens & landscapes unique to each customer's style.

This program is open to the public so invite a guest.

### **Committee Meeting: 2017 Garden Walk**

The committee for the 2017 Garden Walk will be meeting on Thursday, January 12, at 5:30 p.m. at the Courthouse meeting room.

Members involved: Sally M-Handrich, Kathleen Daley, Peggy Kramer, Rebecca Weber Schmoll, Pat Ritchie, Patty T-Virnig, Deann Hirte, Chris Bando, Dick Bando.

Thanks, committee members, for being present.  
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**Spring Plant Sale**  
**May 20, 2017, 8am-2pm**  
**Education Building,**  
**Waupaca County Fairgrounds**

It is that time of the year again. Many of you signed up to help with the WCMG Spring Plant Sale this year. Thank you so much. Thus far we have some things settled:

\*Sally M.H., will Co-Chair the Spring Plant Sale  
 \*Debbie K., will secure the contract from Parks & Rec., create & duplicate the flyer and receipts.  
 \*Connie Z., will coordinate the pricing team.  
 People who have signed up to help so far are: Kathleen D., Rebecca W.S., Connie Z., Sally M.H., Mark S., Jean M., Bill J., Tom S., Ila S., Patty T.V., Deana H., Barb N., Sue M., Bridget K., Chris B., Debbie K., Viginia M. If you missed signing up and want to participate, just email me. So my wonderful MG group.....I really want a co-chair to work with me! I am a lot of fun - just ask anyone. Remember two co-chairs equal Chair! Come on - it will be so fun! I've got a great sense of humor. Also, remember we co-chairs can delegate the workload!

Our first Spring Plant Sale Committee will be at 5:00 p.m. on February 9 at the courthouse prior to the meeting. Thanks much, Sally Marchel Handrich

**December Meeting Minutes**

Call to order:

Welcome Guests

Rebecca Weber-Schmoll called to order the regular meeting of the UW-Extension Waupaca County Master Gardener Association at 6:28pm on December 8, 2016 in the lower level meeting room of the Waupaca County Courthouse. This meeting was shortened to make time for our annual Christmas Party!! Fifteen members and 3 guests were in attendance. Guests included Chris Kurth, Ruth Johnson and Mike Hirte. Greg Blonde-UW-extension also visited. Dr. Dobbe and Shannon attended and Dr. Dobbe provided musical entertainment later during party.

Approval of Minutes:

The approval of the November minutes was asked for. Barb motioned and Jean seconded the approval of minutes.

Treasurer's Report:

Bridget Kurth gave treasurer's report.

UW-Extension:

Greg Blonde spoke of upcoming Master Gardener training program. Five people are registered for the training. The training will begin in Feb. 2017

and run through May. He thanked the membership for the \$900 contribution to be used toward training fee/scholarship/s. News releases have advertised the training.

Committee Reports:

Membership:

Sally and Connie thanked officers by name/position for all they do for our MG organization.

Program/Publicity:

January program-Marilyn Herman will be presenting on Birthday Blooms. February-Shelly Graziano will be presenting on hydrangeas. The newsletter will list future programming.

State Representative Report:

Pat Ritchie gave out annual stickers for nametags. She also declared volunteer hour awards as follows:

150 hrs: Kathleen, Virginia

250 hrs: Christine

500 hrs: Bridget, Sue, Ila, Tom, Patty

Thank you all for your contributions to our group in each and every capacity. All are important. Pat shared she has the book "Volunteers in Horticulture" to share with anyone that would like to borrow it.

Old Business:

S.O.P.:

Kate reported in the previous newsletter.

Home Show:

The show will be held March 4 & 5. Sign up for working on the back table.

Scholarship for new members/trainees:

A base for disbursement/reimbursement is needed. Greg will be asked to advise on this.

Garden Walk: No new news

New Business:

January "New" Slate of Officers:

Susan Young-board member; Kathleen-term based

Budget 2017:

Frugality was advised. The budget is forthcoming.

Discussions:

Pat reminded all about available grants. She shared who received a grant and what it was for.

She also indicated who did not get awarded a grant and why.

Executive Board Meeting Schedule for 2017: Feb 6, May 1, Oct 2, and Dec 4

A short discussion regarding a change in meeting was held. There will be more information in the newsletter referring to a secret ballot to decide this.

Adjournment:

Rebecca Weber-Schmoll asked for a motion to adjourn. Pat motioned, Connie seconded, and the meeting adjourned at 6:49pm.

Christmas party and potluck followed

Minutes submitted by: Deana Hirte

### **President Letter January 2017**

2017!! A brand new year. New resolutions, new diet, new hopes, but alas, the same old W.C.M.G.V. president. Yes, that would be me. I am serving a second term as your president. I do hope and fully expect my second term of office as your president runs smoothly, uneventful, and successful.

I hope 2017 sees our Waupaca Master Gardeners having a fun-filled year making new friends and deepening our existing friendships. I also hope and fully expect that our two fundraisers, the spring plant sale and our garden/art walk are highly successful with huge profits. Of course, we members will all need to do our part and take an active part in our organization. Hint, hint, a co-chair for the plant sale. Our membership is declining at this time, which means we all have to pull together and work harder to see our Waupaca M.G. be successful. Again this year we will be involved in the Home Show in Waupaca on March 4 and 5. This is a great way to advertise our group and hopefully attract new members.

Attendance at our monthly meetings is very important for several reasons. Education hours can be earned by attending the monthly meeting. Attendance at our monthly meetings also increases your sense of involvement and willingness to participate. Because of this and a member's concerns about our meeting time, we are going to explore the idea of changing our meeting time. Many members do not like driving at night, especially in the winter months. Would daytime meetings be a better option? A fair number of our members work during the day and would not be able to attend a daytime meeting.

What would best meet the needs of the majority of our members, day meetings or night meetings? I will be asking the membership' opinion on this with a silent vote during our January meeting. The results of this vote will then be discussed at our next executive meeting. We want to continue to grow our membership, so maybe we do need to explore other meeting time options. Please give this some thought and be prepared to vote on this at the January meetings.

Seed catalogs continue to arrive in my mailbox. Such beautiful glossy pictures and new exciting varieties of flowers and vegetables to plant. What is that old joke? Seed catalogs are a gardener's equivalent to a Playboy magazine in raising false hopes and expectations?

Until all the Christmas tree needles and tinsel are swept and vacuumed out of the house...  
President Rebecca.

### **January Birthdays:**

1/9 Bridget Kurth  
1/13 Terry Kramer  
1/31 Sally Marchel Handrich

