



## Waupaca County June 2017

# 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.**

### June Meeting

**June 8, 2017**

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**This will be a pot-luck so bring a dish to pass, your beverage & a lawn chair**

**6:00 pm Social**

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**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-Virinig**

**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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### July Meeting

July 13, 2017

"Out In The Gardens" at Barb Nollenberg's Big Blue home & garden - Barb will be giving directions

6:00 pm Social

6:30 pm Meeting

No program

### August 10, 2017

"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

### Spring Plant Sale

Big big thank you to everyone who participated. Very successful plant sale this year.

PROUD of everyone.....thank you.

## **Garden Walk/Art Stroll 2017**

The annual event is soon here: Saturday, June 24, 2017. Six gardens will be showcased, along with 12 artists, and music will be provided in a couple of the gardens. Watch for publicity soon in the Waupaca County Post. Those who have previewed the gardens can assure you that this year's gardens are well worth the visit. Our final planning meeting (this one for volunteers) is scheduled for June 6, at 6:30, at the Waupaca Courthouse, lower level. Twenty four people will be helping with this aspect of the event. The weather is promising, but rain, or shine, the event will go on!

## **Master Gardener Scholarship Recipient**

This year's scholarship winner, Violet Thielke, will be visiting our group at our regular meeting, on June 8, 2107. We are happy to have her share in our potluck meeting!

## **May Meeting Minutes**

The May 11, 2017, meeting of the Waupaca County Master Gardener's was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by President Rebecca Weber-Schmoll. Twenty one were in attendance. Jean Medway motioned for approval of the April meeting minutes, with a second by Jean Skewes. The treasurer's report was given by Bridget Kurth.

Sally Marchel-Handrich and Tomczak-Virnig updated the group on the upcoming plant sale. The sign up sheet was passed for members to review. Veteran member were encouraged to mentor new members regarding the specifics of labeling plants, appropriate containers, etc.

There was no membership report.

Ila Sanders reported on the upcoming June Garden Walk. Things are progressing well .

Artists have been secured, as well as nearly all needed volunteers. The meeting of gardeners and artists is scheduled for May 23, at the Waupaca Library at 6:30 p.m.

Violet Thielke has been notified of her scholarship award.

Regarding summer programming: we will be meeting at Deana Hirte's home in June.

Pat Ritchie reported that hourly sheets are available.

Seven trainees have completed their training. We are excited to have these new members added to our current membership!

Greg Blonde answered questions regarding the updating of background checks for members. Background checks of all members is required.

Jean Skewes reported on the Mission of Hope project in New London. Landscaping is being addressed; more information related to specific needs will be known after May 15.

The next WCMGV Executive Board meeting will be held on May 15, at 6:30 p.m. at the Roylton Church. Any member with concerns is welcome to be put on the agenda.

Master Gardener T-shirts will be available at the fairgrounds, beginning on the Thursday prior to the plant sale.

Pat Ritchie shared the notification of a "thank you" received from the Department of Horticulture for our gift to the Master Gardner Fund.

A motion to adjourn was made by Pat, followed by a second by Sally. The meeting was adjourned at 7:05.

Submitted by  
Ila Sanders, acting secretary

## June 2017 President Letter

June will be an exciting month for our organization. We are "on the road again" with this meeting. We will be meeting at Deana' home in Weyauwega. It is always nice to have our summer meetings outside and see people's beautiful gardens. Plus our June meeting will also be a potluck meeting. I know we have some excellent cooks in our membership. Plus asparagus, rhubarb, and strawberries are all in season now. Also chocolate never goes out of season!

Summer does not official begin until June 21, but it is summer in my book. The vegetable garden is all planted. A new compost bin has been built. The beyond all hope raspberry bed has been eliminated and turned to lawn. My containers of annual flowers have all been planted and look so pretty by the house.

This year I actually made my own potting soil mix. I think it has really made a difference in the plants. The recipe I used for the potting soil mix was two parts coconut coir, one part compost, and one part perlite. I then patronized the Amish greenhouses this year for bedding plants. Beautiful plants and not as expensive as the big box place down in Appleton.

I think we will be hearing some exciting news at our June meeting. We will be hearing the results of our plant sale. Considering the cool wet spring we had, I think we did well with our plant sale. Sally can give us the details on that. Our Garden/Art Walk is coming up soon. I think we will be hearing something exciting about that too. Something about a bus trip for a group of gardeners.

Looking forward to seeing our membership at the June meeting. After the last couple of weeks of heavy-duty yard work complete with dirt under my fingernails, I am looking forward to a relaxing evening in the garden.

Until all those garden seeds are poking out of the ground.....*Rebecca*

## June Birthdays:

6/5 Diane Fuhrmann

6/17 Sue Morack

6/22 Pat Ritchie

