

Waupaca County March 2016 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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Unless otherwise stated, meetings and
programs will be held in the lower level of
the Waupaca County Courthouse.

**March 10, 2016
At the Waupaca County Courthouse
6:00 Social
6:30 pm Business meeting
7:30 Program**

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2015 Executive Board Members

**President: Rebecca Weber-Schmoll
Vice-President: Sally Marchel/Handrich
Secretary: Diane Montgomery
Treasurer: Bridget Kurth
Member at Large: Patty Tomczak-Virnig
Member at Large: Kathleen Daley
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.
greg.blonde@ces.uwex.edu

The March 10, 2016

Waupaca County Courthouse

6:00 pm Social

6:30 pm Business Meeting

7:30 pm Program – The program features
Bob Freckman, a retired educator from
UWSP. Bob will share information on wild
flowers. In his timely presentation, he will
also share his experiences in growing flowers
from the wild. The public is invited.

April 14, 2016

Waupaca County Courthouse

6:00 pm Social

6:30 pm Business Meeting

7:30 pm Program - **Butterfly Gardens of
Wisconsin** - Come to this presentation and
learn more about the Butterfly Gardens of
Wisconsin with Jack Voight, owner. Their
mission is to encourage everyone to plant a
backyard butterfly garden. In order to attract
butterflies, it is necessary to grow native
nectar and host plants. Of particular interest
is providing monarch butterflies an
appropriate source for feeding and an
opportunity to thrive in our county and state.
This should "keep your garden juices
flowing"!!!

The Garden Walk/Art Stroll

Committee will be meeting on Monday,
March 7, 2016, at 6:30 p.m. at the Waupaca
Library, Conference Room C. Committee
members have been working industriously to
organize this year's event to be held in New
London and the surrounding area on
Saturday, June 25, 2016.

If you have suggestions for artists who will
be showcased at the gardens on the day of
the tour, please contact Deana Hirte.
Thanks!

Spring Plant Sale Update

Diane has resigned as Plant Sale Chairman. The MG Spring Plant Sale, however, shall go on! Kathleen Daley is assuming the chair with lots of help from the committee of experienced members. There will be an organizational meeting at 5:30 before the March 10th general meeting. Any member is welcome to attend.

The new dates were approved at the February meeting. The general plan is that set-up will be Thursday, May 19; intake will be Friday, May 20; the sale will be on Saturday, May 21; and take down will be Sunday, May 22. Additional details and sign up will be forthcoming.

Program Schedule for 2016

March 10 - Spring Wildflowers - Bob Freckman
 April 14 - Butterfly Gardens of Wisconsin - Jack Voight
 May 12 - Chelsea Gardens of England - Chris Kellogg/Sandra Schmutz
 June 9 - Visit gardens of Kate & Mark Saunders
 July 14 - Visit Graziano Gardens
 Aug. 11 - Visit White Lake Nursery/Green House - Weyauwega
 Sept. 8 - Business Meeting
 Oct. 13 - Rob Zimmer - TBA
 Nov. 10 - Tomato Trees - Terri Lessig, Wood County
 Dec. 8 - Christmas Party

Waupaca County MG Minutes

February 11, 2016

Members Present: Greg Blonde-Advisor, Kathleen Daley, Bill Johnson, Peggy Kramer, Bridget Kurth, Sally Marchel-Handrich, Jean Medway, Diane Montgomery, Sue Morack, Barb Nollenberg, Diane Pribbernow, Fred Pribbernow, Glenda Rhodes, Pat Ritchie, Kate Saunders, Mark Saunders, Joan Schmitt, Jean Skewes, Walter Thompson, Patty Tomczak-Virnig, Rebecca Weber Schmoll, Faye Wilson, Connie Jess Zolkoske.

The meeting was called to order by President Rebecca Weber Schmoll at 6:30 PM.

Our guest tonight was Ruth Johnson, wife of member Bill Johnson.

There was a correction to the January minutes. The cost of the WDUX Home Show is \$250, not \$350. Motion to approve corrected minutes made by Jean Medway, seconded by Sue Morack. Motion carried.

Advisor Greg Blonde spoke about the UWEX website. To access our Master Gardener minutes, go to waupaca.uwex.edu click on Horticulture and you will find MG Newsletters. Soon a list of upcoming events will be posted as well.

Bridget Kurth presented the Treasurer's report. It will be filed for audit. Tom Sanders and Terry Kramer have completed the audit and there were no problems.

Membership Committee: Connie and Sally presented a brand new Membership Initiative for 2016. We will have several drawings throughout the year, where we will offer a "free" registration for any educational event you want to attend in the State of Wisconsin up to \$50. Tonight (Feb 11) will be the first drawing. Other drawings will be offered at other MG meetings, Garden Expo, Spring Plant Sale, etc. You must be present to win.

Some of these educational events might be the Outagamie County MG Garden Conference, Garden Visions, Manitowoc Garden Expo, Rob's Ride Alongs, Fond du Lac Day in the Garden, just to name a few. You can go on-line to print off a registration, register and pay for the event and we will reimburse you.

We as a Membership Committee want to say "thank you" to our members and reward you for your hard work on committees and projects throughout the year. This will also be a great opportunity for use to continue with our "educational mission".

Pat Ritchie was our first Membership Initiative winner.

Program & Publicity: Bob Freckman will be presenting a program on wildflowers at our March meeting.

Garden Walk Update-Six gardens are set for the Garden Walk. Ila will have more to report when she returns.

WDUX Home Show: All slots for the Home Show have been filled. Sue is looking for some props, a self-watering planter, rain barrel, drip tape and soaker hose. Please contact Sue if you have any of these things to offer.

State Rep Report: Pat received a thank you note from Tia Bestul. Fred and Diane Pribbenow's name tags have finally arrived. And she received a New Vision Statement from the State.

Old Business

Spring Plant Sale: Diane reported that the Education Building at the Fair Grounds is available Saturday May 21st for the Plant Sale. Set-up would be on Thursday evening. Plant drop-off would be on Friday. The Plant Sale would run from 8am-2pm on Saturday and clean-up would need to be completed by noon on Sunday. Motion to change the date of the Plant sale was made by Pat, Peggy seconded. Motion approved.

Historian: A request for a volunteer to be our Historian was put out to the membership. No one volunteered. The scrapbooks are at Sue Moracks.

S.O.P: Kate gave out updated copies for review, of our current projects. She asked committee chairs to review them, make corrections if needed and to return them to her.

By-Laws: Will report next month

New Business

Veteran's Memorial at Taft Park, New London: Will be taken up at the next Executive Board meeting for an hours only project.

Reminders: Project Chairmen, see Bridget for a copy of our tax number for purchases. Diane M. currently has the MG rototiller, Pat R. has the display board and Sally has the projector/laptop. Pat R., Sally and Sue M

have keys to the storage area if you need to access supplies.

Executive Board: Meeting schedule is the 1st Monday in May, October and December at the Royalton Church at 6:30pm.

Motion to adjourn made by Pat seconded by Faye. Meeting adjourned at 7:15.

Submitted by Diane Montgomery, Secretary

March President's Report

From my perspective, our February meeting was a success. Many of our members braved the cold dark night to attend our business meeting. Then our program was most entertaining. Rob Zimmer's "Gardening on the Road" presented us with lots of ideas for gardening road trips this spring and summer. We even had six people from the "public" join us. Our very own "Wal-Mart" greeter Connie welcomed these special guests. Maybe they will seriously think about becoming Master Gardeners in the future. As a treat, past member Hope set up a display of newspaper columns that Rob had published in the Appleton Post-Crescent.

March has traditionally been the month that I complete my garden seed order, usually patronizing Jung's and Seed Savers'. But this year presents a new challenge for me. Many of you know that I downsized my home last summer. I am now living in a smaller country home. I no longer have my large "football field" garden that I lovingly tended and weeded for almost twenty-five years. So, do I no longer plant a vegetable garden? What size garden and where to locate this garden? Important decisions for my husband Donald and myself to make. I hope all of you Master Gardeners are busy planning and dreaming of your gardens. Remember the first day of spring is March 20. That reminds me of the special March meeting program. We will be hearing from an expert in the field of wild flowers.

Until the hepatica and spring beauty bloom, Rebecca.

Master Gardeners to Participate at Home Show

On Saturday, March 19 and Sunday, March 20 we will be represented at the Waupaca Home Show. The event will take place at the Hendrickson Center at the corners of School and State Streets in Waupaca. Master Gardener Volunteers will be present on March 19 from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM and Sunday, March 20 from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM. In addition to offering flyers about the Spring Plant Sale and the Garden Walk, general handouts on an upcoming Master Gardener class will be offered. Horticultural questions will be answered by using MG materials, the internet, and educational displays. We are currently looking to borrow a rain barrel and any spring plants this weekend before Easter. There will be a survey and drawings from the survey; any donated, not borrowed plants will be used as prizes. Contact Sue Morack if you have anything that we can use that weekend. Hope to see you there!

Membership Committee

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Pat Ritchie also gave the Pribbernow's their official MG name badge.

Remember all Master Gardeners:

- Use tax # (Contact Bridget)
- We also have the following items available for M.G. use:
 - (1) rototiller, contact Diane M.
 - (2) display board, contact Pat R.
 - (3) projector/laptop, contact Sally
 - (4) storage area for spring plant sale supplies (keys with Pat R., Sally, Sue M.)

March Birthdays

- 3/1 Joan Schmitt
- 3/15 Jean Medway
- 3/16 Tom Sanders
- 3/17 Diane Pribbernow
- 3/19 Barb Nollenberg
- 3/22 Rebecca Weber Schmoll
- 3/25 Alice Brown
- 3/27 Kate Saunders

