



# *Waupaca County May 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.**

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**(Main Floor)**

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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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**"Medicinal Gardens"** by Dr. Stephanie W. Aleman, Professor of Anthropology, Botany & Ethnobotany.

Medicinal gardens have a long history associated with the need to have ready sources of plant material for making pharmaceutical preparations and the tending of the sick by remotely located doctors and herbal healers. Learn how to create a physic garden, or collection of medicinally useful plants using local, native and naturalized members of the Wisconsin flora. The growing requirements, specific features and medicinal potential for many of Wisconsin's plants will be presented, as well as ideas and techniques for achieving healthy, productive botanical medicinals in the garden.

### **Our June, July & August meetings**

"Out in the Gardens"

June 8, Deana Hirt's home & garden

July 13, Barb Nollenberg's Big Blue home & garden

August 10, Bridget Kurths home & garden

### **2017 Garden Walk Committee Update**

The garden walk committee will meet with the gardeners and artists on Tuesday, May 23, at 6:30 pm at the Waupaca County Library (lower level). The meeting for volunteers is scheduled for June 6 also at the Waupaca Library at 6:30. Tickets will be available soon.

## **Spring Plant Sale 2017**

Now is the time to dig & plant. Remember clean pots and plants. Label appropriately.

Work Schedule for Spring Plant Sale Event:  
Thursday, May 18, 2017 - Pick up key in afternoon-Sally

5:00pm: meet at storage unit to get all plant sale supplies (Mark, Sally, Patty & Jean)

5:30pm: set up tables & some plant intake if you'd like but leave no later than 6-

6:30pm

Friday, May 19, 2017 - Put up signs & banners & pricing

9:00am-4:00pm: Plant intake & set up  
2pm: Pricing committee

Saturday, May 20, 2017 - return key on Monday

7:30am-2:00on: "ready set go"

2:00pm: Clean-up

3:00pm-4:00pm: Take supplies back to storage unit

I will bring pots (they will be left outside by my car), blind slats & labels to the May meeting.

## **April Meeting Minutes**

The April meeting of the Waupaca County Master Gardener's was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by President Rebecca-Schmoll. Jean Medway motioned for approval of the March meeting minutes, with a second by Deb Krogwold. A total of 18 members were in attendance, with 2 trainees also attending.

The treasurer's report was given by Bridget Kurth.

In committee reports, Sally Marchel-Handrich gave updates for the Plant Sale to be held May 20<sup>th</sup> at the Weyauwega Fair Grounds. Pertinent information was shared. The sign-up sheet was passed, detailing worker hours. Blinds, pots and posters were available for all to take.

Sally also reported on programs for upcoming meetings. Our May meeting will be held in the UW-Extension break room on the first floor. The speaker will be Dr. Stephanie Aleman, with the topic being Medicinal Plants.

Ila Sanders reported that the Garden Walk/Art Stroll will include 6 gardens, with the potential of a bee keeper coming forth to offer a seventh garden. Volunteers for the day of the event can sign up with Bill Johnson. We will not have a website devoted specifically to the Garden Walk this year, in an effort to reduce costs. The Waupaca County Master Gardener's website, managed by the UW-Extension office, will provide sufficient advertising.

The Scholarship Committee has selected Violet Thielke of Waupaca as the recipient of this year's \$1000 scholarship.

Pat Ritchie reported that the WI Master Gardener Association State Convention will be held in West Bend on October 13-14. Joan Schmidt moved that our membership provide \$50.00 for the silent auction. The motion was seconded by Barb Nollenberg. Pat also reported that background checks for MG members are being upgraded.

There was no report from those involved with the Mission of Hope.

The next executive board meeting will be held on May 15, at 6:30 in Royalton. Any member with concerns is welcome to be put on the agenda.

The training classes are going well. Pat Ritchie presented her report on the County Fair for our group.

The rototiller, located in our storage unit, can be accessed with keys. See Sally, Sue Morack or Pat Ritchie to obtain access.

Deb Krogwold has Compost Bins available for \$55.00 each, beginning May 1. These are available at the Waupaca County Solid Waste Department, in the Courthouse in Waupaca.

Deb took orders for t-shirts, with our logo, obtained through Team Outfitters in Waupaca. The catalog, detailing specifics, was available at the meeting. Costs are \$10.00 (short sleeve) and \$15.00 (long sleeve.)

A motion to adjourn was made by Pat Ritchie, and seconded by Jean Medway. The meeting adjourned at 7:15.

Submitted by Ila Sanders, acting secretary  
**May 2017 Master Gardener President Letter**

Here is a trip down memory lane, a short walk for some and a marathon for me and maybe some of you. Remember the Sear's Christmas catalog, the Wish Book? Well, I received in the mail the gardener's equivalent to the Wish Book. I received a "bulbs from Holland advance sale" catalog from one of the major purveyors of garden bulbs. Here are the magic words printed on the front of the colorful catalog, "Buy Now, Pay Later!" Even more enticing were the words, "Save up to 75%." Enticing words indeed, plus beautiful colorful pages of all kinds of alliums, iris, colchicums, crown imperials, cyclamen, daffodils, snow glories, bluebells, lilies, hyacinths, tulips, and many more. After paging through the catalog and sharing this with my younger sister, I placed my future order. **345** bulbs will arrive in my mailbox early this autumn. Then I just need to convince/bribe my sister into helping plant all these beauties. Once again, hope springs eternal in the gardener's heart.

I love spring with all the sights, sounds, and smells. As I work in my yard and garden, I plan what work I need and want to do. I would love to put in some new flowerbeds; maybe a Fall raspberry patch, and a grape arbor would be nice. But I have one hard and fast rule of gardening that I follow. Never have more gardens than you can maintain. So, no more new flower beds for me this year. I will keep busy weeding and maintaining.

With the warm spring temperature and spring rainfalls we are now experiencing, all the perennials should be poking out of the ground. As you survey your yard, please note what plants need to be divided or relocated. Remember we need plants for our

spring plants sale May 20. The more plants donated to our sale, the more money we should make at this sale. This in turn helps us fund our projects, such as the children's gardens. Bottom line is that we all need to work towards achieving a success plant sale.

Our garden art walk is also coming up on June 24. Volunteers are needed to help the day of the event at each of the gardens. Again this is a fundraiser for our organization. Please participate in this event, and encourage attendance by getting the word out about the beautiful gardens that we can visit.

One more reminder, our Executive Board meeting schedule has been changed to the third Monday of the month. So we will be meeting May 15. Please join your Executive Board at this meeting if you have concerns to share. Check the newsletter for exact time and location of this meeting.

Until the ground is white with the fallen apple blossoms petals....**Rebecca**

**Reminder:**

**Rototiller is available for M.G. use. Contact Pat, Sally, or Susan M. if you wish to borrow the tiller.**

**Reminder:**

**The May meeting location has been changed to the first floor break room.**

**Reminder:**

**The May Executive Board meeting has been changed to the third Monday of May. May 15 at 6:30 at the Royalton Church. All are welcomed to attend this meeting**

**Reminder:**

**Watch for the email. It is regarding the fact that criminal background checks (CBC's) for all UW employees and volunteers must now be updated every 4 years. It could go to your "junk" folder depending on your email filters. Read it carefully.**

**May Birthdays:**

5/10 Chris Bando  
5/13 Bill Johnson  
5/26 Dick Bando  
5/27 Ila Sanders

*happy  
birthday*

