



Waupaca County April 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.

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

April 13, 2017
Waupaca County Courthouse
6:00pm Social
6:30pm Business meeting
7:30pm 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.
greg.blonde@ces.uwex.edu

Programming:

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"Designing With Hosta" - Tammy Tomtschik Borden has been a Master Gardener since 2004 and has over 500 varieties of hostas in her own garden, which will be one of the featured tour gardens for the 2019 American Hosta Society National Convention. She has been a speaker for 15 years and is the author of the book "A Perennial Life." Many gardeners "settle" for hostas as the only alternative for the shady corners of their yard. Now there are thousands of varieties and some are highly sought after. She will cover new and popular varieties. She will talk about hostas in containers, proper care and siting and companion plants. This program is free and open to the public.

May 11, 2017
Waupaca County Courthouse
*****Meeting location has been changed to UW-Extension Break Room on first floor*****

6:00pm Social
6:30pm Business Meeting
7:30pm Program
"Designing Gardens Using Local Medicinal Plant Natives" - Dr. Stephanie Aleman

Blinds Needed:

There is no longer a supply of slats used to label plants for the MGV plant sale. What is needed are 1" slats from discarded blinds that can be cut into appropriate lengths to hold labels.

**Plant Sale Committee Meeting
Thursday, April 13, 2017 - 5:30pm at
the Courthouse:**

Please sign-up to participate at the Spring Plant Sale weekend May 18, 19, 20
We will have labels, blind slats, pots, posters/flyers available at the April & May meetings

General Information

The Waupaca County Master Gardener Volunteers (WCMGVs) shall have a spring plant sale each year. The plant sale shall be held at the Waupaca County Fairgrounds, Education Building in Weyauwega (602 South St., Weyauwega, WI 54983).

Leadership

Each plant sale shall be co-chaired by two members of the WCMGVs - preferably with one experienced co-chair to train the other.

Purchasing of Plants by WCMGVs

Prior to the plant sale and up to 11 am during the plant sale, no member shall be allowed to make any purchases or to put aside and save any plant or item from the sale for purchase later. At 11am and thereafter, members will be allowed to purchase plants at current prices.

Price Policy

The day of the sale, all plants, unless specifically designated, will be reduced 50% at 1:00 p.m. If anyone does not want any item they have brought to be marked down to half price after 1:00 p.m., let the chairperson know your wishes.

Unsold Plants & Merchandise

Project chairpersons or project committee members must submit written requests to the plant sale chairperson or co-chair for unsold plants they would like to be distributed to their projects. Plants will be distributed, as they are available.

Home Show Wrap-up:

On the weekend of March 4 and March 5, the following Master Gardener volunteers spent time preparing the booth, tending the booth, and taking down the booth: Pat Ritchie, Patty Virnig-Tomcak, Deana Hirte, Susan Young, Sue Morack, and intern Ken Krumsee. Over 100 Home Show participants completed a survey about our activities; two winners were chosen for a gift certificate for the spring plant sale on May 20; a winner was chosen for a ticket to the June 24

Garden Walk/Art Stroll. Six people showed interest in being a Master Gardener Volunteer for an upcoming session. Three individuals also expressed interest in being part of the Garden Walk. Appreciation also goes to those who lent their beautiful plants to the display. Thank you to all for your efforts in supporting our group.

Garden Walk/Art Stroll:

June 24 promises to be a wonderful day! We will be showcasing six gardens in the Waupaca area, along with artists in each garden setting.

The committee is looking for persons to act as volunteers (morning and afternoon shifts.) Please let Bill Johnson know if you are available to help. The \$10.00 fee will be waived for those volunteering.

The following dates are scheduled: April 18, for gardeners and committee members; May 23, for artists and gardeners; June 6, for volunteers. All meetings will be at the Waupaca Public Library at 6:30 p.m. Things are progressing well with committee work. Thanks, everyone, for all the work and effort being put forth to make this event a success.

**Fox Valley Technical College Garden
Study School – Course III:**



GARDENING STUDY SCHOOL

SERIES 8-COURSE III

April 21-22, 2017

For information and registration regard this course offered by Fox Valley Technical College go to the following link by clicking on it or copying and pasting it into your web browser:

<http://www.wisconsinclub.org/education/gardening-study-school/>

Meeting Minutes

March 9, 2017

Call to order

[Facilitator Name] called to order the regular meeting of the UW-Extension Waupaca County Master Gardener Association at 6:25pm on March 9, 2017 in the lower level meeting room of the Waupaca County Courthouse. Fifteen members were in attendance with 2 guests: Gail and her husband from Juneau County Master Gardeners.

Approval of Minutes

Sally asked for a motion to accept the minutes of the February 2017 meeting, as printed in the March 2017 newsletter. Sue motioned to accept the minutes and Tom 2nd. The minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report: Bridget

Bridget read the report.

Committee Reports: Sally and Connie

Spring Plant Sale: Deb distributed 400 1/2 sheet flyers. Posters (150 printed) are to be put up mid April. Members signed up to hand out posters.

Garden Walk/Art Stroll: Ila summarized what has been done so far for the event. Tickets will be \$10.00. Five gardens are included at this point. . Deana and Patty are contacting artists to demonstrate in the gardens.

Gardener, artist and volunteer meetings are planned for April, May and June. Bill is in charge of volunteers to work at the gardens during the walk.

Membership: Connie shared upcoming educational opportunities and explained the monthly drawing held to pay for a training and to encourage members to participate in opportunities. Joan Schmidt won the drawing for this month.

Program/Publicity: Ila listed upcoming meeting programs: April-Hostas, May-Medicinal Plants. The June meeting will be held at Deana's home, July at Barb's and August at Bridgit's.

State Representative Report: Pat

Pat shared a thank you received from MG Program Fund for our \$100 contribution.

Old Business:

Update on training class: members have signed up to present information to the class. Mark volunteered to do the April 25th class.

Mission of Hope update and work schedule:

Jean spoke about the process of getting plans together for planting to be held in June. Members can receive volunteer hours to help with the planting.

May meeting: Greg reminded us that the location has been changed to the first floor break room.

Upcoming executive board meetings are scheduled for the third Monday in May, October, and December (T.B.D.)

Sue spoke about the WDUX Home Show success: the possibility of new members, garden interest, and our drawing (100 people signed up.) Sue handed out the 1/2 page info sheet about garden walk/art stroll and the plant sale.

New Business:

Pat discussed the need for new t-shirts to be made up. Connie will talk to Deb and more information to be given in the newsletter. Greg offered an online pruning opportunity and shared an online publication catalog from UWEX.

Deb set up and shared a plant labeling system for the plant sale.

Adjournment:

[Facilitator Name] asked for a motion to adjourn. Ila motioned, Jean 2nd; meeting adjourned at 7:15pm

Minutes submitted by: Deana Hirte

April 2017 M.G. President Letter

A country drive today, with family, took me on all the back roads and little towns, such as Leeman, Navarino, and Lund. My mother said we were in the "middle of nowhere." So many wonderful sights on those back roads, including swans and maple trees being tapped for sap. Wisconsin sure is a pretty state. But as my mother also said, we need a nice warm spring rain to green everything up.

We Master Gardeners know all about greening things up. First you have to go through the "brown" stage of digging and planting. Bet many of us are anxious to get some of that good earth smell in our noses and dirt under our fingernails. That is a good thing too, since we need lots of plants and some beautiful gardens.

Now I might be sounding like a broken record here. But we need lots of those beautiful healthy carefully potted plants for our plant sale on May 20. Then we need some beautifully designed and tended gardens for our June 24 Garden/Art Walk. Check the newsletter for details and answers to your questions, or you can just contact Sally or Ila for information.

I did hear that our March M.G. meeting was "standing room only" with twenty members from the public attending the bee keeping presentation. That is so awesome. Just maybe one or two of those potential beekeepers will go on to become Waupaca County Master Gardener Volunteers.

I also heard that we have a new member who transferred to our organization from another county. That too is awesome. We need to grow our membership. If you ever have an opportunity to encourage training and membership in our volunteer organization, please do so. We are a fun group of gardeners who enjoy sharing our time and talents with our Waupaca County communities.

April can be a very busy time outdoors. Raking lawns, cleaning up winter debris, picking up downed tree branches, and flowerbed rejuvenating are tasks awaiting. Vegetable garden planning and seed purchasing needs to be done. So much to do; good thing we all got to rest up this winter. Now we can't wait to start our outdoor chores.

Until we all have spotted our "first of the year" bluebird.....**Rebecca**

MASTER GARDENER VOLUNTEER T-SHIRTS

We will be placing an order for t-shirts after our April monthly meeting to insure delivery before our Spring Plant Sale. Debbie Krogwold will be handling the orders. The t-shirts will be available both short-sleeve (\$10) and long-sleeve (\$15) in sizes S - XL, with larger sizes slightly more.

You have a choice of 100% pre-shrunk cotton or a 50/50 cotton polyester blend for short-sleeve. Long-sleeve is 100% pre-shrunk cotton. The shirts will have a small logo on front upper right and a large Master

Gardener Volunteer logo on the back.

Printing will be WHITE.

Many, many colors to choose from. Debbie will have the catalogue at the April meeting.

The colors can also be viewed on-line:

www.ssactivewear.com/p/gildan/2000 Ultra Cotton short-sleeve

www.ssactivewear.com/p/gildan/8000

50/50 short-sleeve

www.ssactivewear.com/p/gildan/5400

Heavy Cotton long-sleeve

If you will not be at the April meeting, you can contact Debbie via e-mail

wdkrogwold@wi-net.com or by phone 715-677-4974 to place your order. Please

indicate short or long-sleeve, cotton or 50/50, color, and size. Make checks payable to Team Outfitters.

Compost Bins Available May 1!

The Home Composter™ compost bin will be available for purchase from the Waupaca County Solid Waste Department, 811 Harding Street, Waupaca, and the Waupaca County PTF, E4981 Swan Rd., Manawa, beginning May 1 until units are sold out.

Price on bin is \$55 which includes a 'How-To' handbook.

The 13 cubic foot bin has a locking lid, two sliding doors for easy access to finished compost, is lightweight and easy to assemble.

Healthy soil is the key to a healthy prolific garden. Boost your soil with your own home-made compost!

Questions? Please call Debbie Krogwold at 715-258-6240.



April Birthdays:

April 12 Faye Wilson

April 18 Patty Tomczak-Virnig