

Waupaca County April 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.

April 14, 2016

Waupaca County Courthouse

6:00 pm Social

6:30 pm Business Meeting

**7:30 pm Program - Butterfly Gardens of
Wisconsin**



2015 Executive Board Members

President: Rebecca Weber-Schmoll

Vice-President: Sally Marchel/Handrich

Secretary:-----

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.

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**7:30 pm Program - Butterfly Gardens of
Wisconsin**

Come to this presentation and learn more about
the Butterfly Gardens of Wisconsin with Jack &
Marty Voight, Owners. 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.
Come listen and learn how to attract butterflies
to your backyard. 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"!!! Program free and open
to the public.

May 12, 2016 , Meeting

We will be touring the Chelsea Gardens of
London, England, at our May meeting!
Sandra Lynne Schmutzler and Chirs Klessig, avid
gardeners from the Amherst, WI area,
traveled to London in the spring of 2015 to enjoy
the Chelsea Gardens Flower Show. With them,
we will view the unbeatable gardens and learn
through their experience. This meeting will be
open to the public.

Spring Plant Sale Meeting -

Thursday at 5:30 pm - April 14, 2016

Waupaca County Courthouse

Plant sale "sign-up" sheets will be available for
you to pick & choose what projects you want to
work on throughout the plant sale weekend.

The committee met before the March
meeting. Flyers advertising both the Spring Plant
Sale and the Garden Walk were distributed at the
WDUX Home Show. New roadside banners are
ordered. At this month's meeting, pots, labels,
and blind slats will be available.



2016 Garden Walk and Art Stroll

The upcoming Garden Walk/Art Stroll will be held on June 25, 2016, in the New London area. Eight different stops will be available to participants, five of which are stops at private gardens, three of which are public. The committee continues to work diligently to organize this event. Upcoming meetings, to be held at the New London Public Library, all at 6:30 p.m., are the following:

April 13: meeting of gardener participants

May 24: meeting of artists and participants

June 8: meeting of volunteers

We are still looking for artists to be showcased at each garden. Please give Deana Hirte your suggestions.

Garden Walk Volunteers Needed

Starting at the April 2016 MG meeting, I will be looking for Volunteers to be at the gardens in this year's Garden Walk & Art Stroll scheduled for Saturday, June 25, in New London. We will need 28 Volunteers, two in the a.m. and two in the p.m. at seven gardens. Volunteers do not have to be Master Gardeners, so if you have a friend that would like to help they can be with you at the same garden. I will have a list of names and addresses of Garden Walk locations at the MG meeting.

Thanks, Bill Johnson

Waupaca County MGV Minutes March 10, 2016

Members present: Greg Blonde-Advisor, Kathleen Daley, Bill Johnson, Peggy Kramer, Debbie Krogwold, Sally Marchel-Handrich, Jean Medway, Sue Morack, Virginia Morgan, Barb Nollenberg, Glenda Rhodes, Pat Ritchie, Ila Sanders, Tom Sanders, Kate Saunders, Mark Saunders, Rebecca Weber Schmoll, Jean Skewes, Walter Thompson, Patty Tomczak-Virnig, Faye Wilson, Connie Jess Zolkoske.

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

Motion to approve corrected February minutes was made by Glenda R, seconded by Jean M. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: No report

Committee Reports:

Membership: A second drawing was held for the new educational initiative for our members. Connie Z was the winner and will be attending the Outagamie County Spring Conference in April.

Program/Publicity: Sally reported that April's speaker will be Butterfly Gardens of Wisconsin by Jack Voight. There will be a free radio ad on WDUX.

Garden Walk: Ila reported that there are now 8 gardens on the Walk (3 public and 5 private). Deana Hirte is looking for artists for each garden.

Scholarship: Ila reported that applicants are still being sought for this year's \$1000 MG scholarship. Applications are available at the Waupaca County High School guidance offices. For more information, contact Ila Sanders -- sandersi@tds.net

WDUX Home Show: Sue M reported on the Home Show scheduled for March 19th and 20th. Some items are still needed for display.

State Rep. Report: No report

Old Business:

Spring Plant Sale: Kathleen Daley has taken over the chair of the Spring Plant Sale. Sally and Sue M will be co-chairs.

Historian: Patty Tomczak-Virnig has volunteered to be our new Historian.

S.O.P: Kate handed out updated sheets for our binders.

By-Laws: Bill J reported that the committee is hard at work on the by-law revisions.

New Business:

Secretary needed: A volunteer is needed to fill out the term of Secretary for this year.

Motion made by Walt T, seconded by Jean M. to adjourn meeting. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:00.

Connie Jess Zolkoske, acting secretary

April President Letter

Spring arrived this last Sunday, March 20. But as I listen to the radio now, I hear that we are to have a snow storm this Wednesday and Thursday. If the weathermen are accurate, we will be seeing five to nine inches of wet heavy snow. But we all know that this snow will quickly melt, and Mother Nature will let spring burst in all her glory. I see crocus are peeking through the wood chips I put down in my front flowerbed. Tulips are peeking through the ground on the side of the driveway. It is fun to discover what plants the former owner of this property did plant. This makes me wonder what plants I will be able to dig and share for our spring plant sale. As you all inspect your property, please be thinking of what you can share with our plant sale, one of our two big fundraisers.

Last month's meeting was one very brief meeting! I guess I talked too fast because our business meeting was completed in record time. But in retrospect, this was not a bad thing. We had about a half hour of time before our speaker began his program. We were actually able to visit with each other and enjoy all the delicious refreshments that members graciously provide. We do need to nurture our Master Gardener friendships as well as our gardening endeavors.

Our speaker, retired U.W.S.P. educator Bob Freckman, spoke on wild flowers with a beautiful slide presentation. Did you know that ants (insects, not aunts) help plant trilliums? Also mini wild flower colonies can be grown in sunken bathtubs. Again the public was invited to join us for this presentation. Twelve people did join us. Perhaps some of this people will consider becoming Master Gardeners in the future.

Taking a line from one of my granddaughter Penelope's favorite videos, *Toy Story*, I would be "eternally grateful" for a member to step forward and take on the secretary duties for the remainder of this year. Both Connie and Susan stepped forward to pinch hit with the secretary duties at last month's

meeting. Please think about helping out with the secretary duties for this year.

On a sadder note, two of our new members will be stepping back from their M.G. involvement. This is due to a family member's terminal illness, so please keep the Pribbernows in your thoughts and prayers.

Our April meeting will be bringing us an informative presentation on butterflies. So until the monarchs flutter their way to Wisconsin, Rebecca

Executive Board Meetings

As president, I schedule the executive board meetings. Remember that these meetings are open to the entire membership to attend, especially if you have a concern that needs to be addressed. The meetings will be the first Monday in the months of May, October, and December. The meetings will be at the Royalton church at 6:30 P.M.



The following link will take you to **the State Master Gardener Events Calendar**.
<http://fyi.uwex.edu/mastergardener/events/>

Want to add an event to the calendar? Scroll to the bottom of this page and select **Event Submission Page**. Only educational horticulture or gardening events will be included on this calendar.

Successful Home Show

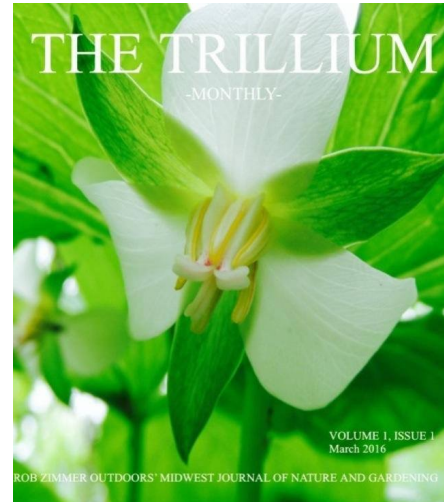
The weather was great for a good turnout: too chilly to work outside with no rain. The Spring Plant Sale and the Garden Walk flyer found its way into the hands of 300 attendees. A survey netted eight potential Master Gardener class attendees. It was a pleasure to see several MGW attend the show. Many thanks to those who set up, took down, and worked in the booth: Kate Saunders, Mark Saunders, Sally Marchel-Handrich, Pat Ritchie, and Patty Tomczak-Virnig.



April Birthdays:

4/12 Faye Wilson
4/19 Patty Tomczak-Virnig

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