



Waupaca County May 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.

May 12, 2016
Waupaca County Courthouse
6:00 pm Social
6:30 pm Business Meeting
7:30 pm Program - Chelsea Gardens

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.
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May 12, 2016 **Waupaca County Courthouse**

6:00 pm Social
6:30 pm Business Meeting
7:30 pm Program - Program Showcases Chelsea Gardens

Each spring an unbeatable, week-long garden tour is offered to the public: The Chelsea Garden Flower Show. Held in London, England, this event showcases a variety of displays, open for public viewing. Familiar and new varieties of plants are displayed in unique and inviting settings. From the perspective of Christine Klessig and Sandra Lynne Schmutzler (avid gardeners from Amherst, WI), nothing can compare with this event for beauty and appeal. Their presentation will offer a close-up view of the gardens from their 2015 trip. This event is free and open to the public. You are welcome to invite your fellow gardeners and friends.

June 9, 2016 Summer Meeting

Kate & Mark Saunders House
6:00 pm Social
6:30 pm Business Meeting
7:00 pm Enjoy a walk through Kate and Mark's Gardens

****Next Spring Plant Sale "working committee" meeting will be prior to the May 12 regularly scheduled monthly meeting at @ 5:30pm -- Courthouse - See you then.****

Pots, Blind Slats, and Labels:

If you need any of these before the next meeting (May 12), please contact Sue Morack at 920-209-7744. I could email the labels to you. The banners are ready for distribution and are available at my home.

2016 Garden Walk/Art Stroll

June 25, 2016, will be a busy day, with gardeners and friends visiting a total of nine gardens (9 a.m.-4 p.m.) in the New London area.

Volunteers are important to the success of the day, with a total of four persons needed at each garden. If you are available, please contact Bill Johnson, who is in charge of this aspect of the day.

Thanks to Deana Hirte and Jean Skewes, there are 18 artists planning to participate in the art stroll portion of the day. Two artists will be showcased at each garden.

Sally Marchel Handrich is continuing in her role as a veteran of this event, garnering great publicity through a variety of venues. Her detailed work is appreciated!

Bridget Kurth and Joan Schmitt have helped to secure the gardens, with Pat Ritchie (educational materials) and Chris and Dick Bando rounding out the committee.

Our next meeting will be Tuesday, May 24, 6:30 at the New London Library. Artists AND gardeners will meet that evening to plan specifics for the individual sites.

The meeting for volunteer training is scheduled for Wednesday, June 8, also at 6:30, at the New London Library.

With the enthusiasm that has been generated thus far, we are looking forward to a great event!

Ila Sanders

Upcoming Programs

July 14, 2016 Summer Meeting

Graziano Gardens - Pine River

6:00 pm Social

6:30 pm Business Meeting & Shelly Christy

7:00 pm Walk Through the Gardens

August 11, 2016 Summer Meeting

White Lake Nursery - (Weyauwega, the old Thompsons)

6:00 pm Social

6:30 pm Business Meeting & meet the owner - Nancy Vercellotti

7:00 pm Walk through the Gardens/Nursery

Scholarship Winner

Ryan Esch, a soon-to-be graduate of Waupaca High School is the recipient of this year's \$1000 Waupaca County Master

Gardener's Scholarship. Ryan intends to major in biology and natural resources, with a minor in Spanish at the University of WI, at Stevens Point this upcoming fall. His application was outstanding, detailing the many community and extra-curricular activities he is involved with. In addition, he is an honor roll student, and has been awarded Eagle Scout status. Congratulations!

Waupaca County Master Gardener Volunteers Minutes April 14, 2016

Members Present: Chris Bando, Deana Hirte, Bill Johnson, Peggy Kramer, Bridget Kurth, Vance Linden, Sally Marchel Handrich, Jean Medway, Sue Morack, Virginia Morgan, Barb Nollenberg, Pat Ritchie, Ila Sanders, Tom Sanders, Kate Saunders, Mark Saunders, Rebecca Weber Schmoll, Carol West-Dahl, Faye Wilson and Connie Jess Zolkoske.

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm by President Rebecca Weber Schmoll. A motion was made by Vance Linden to approve the minutes from the March 10, 2016 meeting. Tom Sanders seconded. The motion was passed.

A secretary is needed for the WCMGV. Please consider taking this position.

Treasurer's Report: Bridget Kurth gave the treasurer's reports for both March and April.

Committee Reports:

Spring Plant Sale: Dates to remember:

Posters and flyers will be distributed to area businesses. (Manawa-Kate Saunders, New London-Connie Jess Zolkoske, Weyauwega-Deana Hiirte and Barb Nollenberg, Waupaca-Sally Marchel Handrich.

May 12, Sally Marchel-Handrich and Kathleen Daley will be on the radio (WDUX) at 8:15 am promoting the Plant Sale

Thursday, May 19: 5:30pm-Fairgrounds Education Bldg-Set up. May bring plants if you are not able to on Friday.

Friday, May 20: 9am to 4pm-Plant intake, Set up Welcome Display (Joan Schmitt), banners erected (New London area-Rebecca Weber Schmoll's husband, Weyauwega area-Sue Morack). Pricing starts about 2:30pm (Connie Jess Zolkoske, Vance Linden and

Jean Medway) Please bring reference books and wagons.

Saturday, May 21: Plant Sale workers for the first shift should report to the Education Bldg. by 7:30 am.

Joan Schmitt announced that New London Park and Rec Dept. will be plowing under the old children's garden and that there are plants that could be dug out for plant sale use. If you are able to help, please call Laurie Sloma. Other notes about the plant sale: Wear MGv attire and name badge on plant sale day. It's time to get digging your plants! Put in clean pots and label plants. Labels are to be put on the blind to make a "T" shape, then covered with plastic tape to protect them. Work sign-up sheets will be available at the May meeting. Posters and flyers were distributed at the meeting. Membership Committee: Connie Jess Zolkoske and Sally Marchel Handrich drew for the \$50.00 Educational Program to be used for payment of conferences, seminars or meetings. Peggy Kramer was April's recipient.

Programs/Publicity-Sally Marchel Handrich The May 12 meeting will be "Chelsea Gardens of London". The June 9 meeting will be at Mark and Kate Saunders home, the July meeting will be at Graziano Gardens and the August meeting will be at White Lake Nursery

Garden Walk Update: Ila Sanders The Garden Walk will be on June 25th in New London. There are nine gardens and 18 artists scheduled. Bill Johnson passed around a work sheet for volunteers. Thirty-six volunteers are needed, please ask friends and colleagues to work.

Scholarship Committee: Ila Sanders announced Ryan Esch from Waupaca as the recipient of our scholarship. Ryan is going to UWSP in Biology and Natural Resources with a minor in Spanish.

Newsletter Committee: Tom Sanders stated that we have eight people receiving their newsletter by mail. He discussed the pricing of printing. It is less expensive to print black and white copies than color. He asked the people that receive the newsletter by mail if they would mind receiving black and white copies. The answer was that Black and white would be fine.

State Rep report: Pat Ritchie gave the Master Gardener website: wimga.com or wimga.org

The Volunteer Vibe published the monetary value of MGv's in Wisconsin at \$4.4 million dollars in 2015. There were 201,615 statewide volunteer hours in 2015, 617 members trained in 2015 and there are 2,844 certified members in 2016.

Old Business:

Sue Morack reported that at the WDUX home and Garden show 300 flyers for MGv were given out. She felt the booth was very successful.

SOP - Kate Saunders is waiting for some people to turn in reports.

By Laws - Bill Johnson announced that the by-law committee has met. The revised by-laws will be ready for the Executive Board meeting this Fall.

The Executive Board meetings are the first Monday in May, October and December at the Royalton Church at 6:30pm. The next meeting is scheduled for May 2nd. All members are invited to attend.

New Business: MGvs were asked if they were interested in having a table at the New London Bird Fest. No interest was indicated. Vance Linden announced that Will Allen will come to Waupaca on July 11, 2016. The venue will be announced and the time is 6:30pm. It is suggested to come early! Waupaca Children's Garden - Kate Saunders announced that WCG is accepting applicants for the Children's Garden. Registration can be done through the Waupaca Park and Rec office and online. If members know of any children who would like to join they are encouraged to do so now.

Adjournment:

A motion was made by Pat Ritchie to adjourn the meeting. Vance Linden seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 7:15pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Peggy Kramer
Acting Secretary for May

May President's Letter

Raining today, again it seems. But we all know that April showers bring May flowers, or in the case of my gardens, dandelion blossoms. However, bees love dandelion flowers for the nectar.

First off, a big thanks you to Peggy for being "secretary of the month." Hopefully, someone will step up again in May to take notes as the secretary.

I attended a benefit in New London last Friday. As with most benefits, there were a number of bucket raffles and silent auction items. One silent auction item was a large garden themed basket. Included in this wonderful basketful of garden delights and necessities was a pair of tickets to our very own Garden Walk and Art Stroll. This basket raised over \$200. I am so happy that someone included these tickets in the gift basket. It sure was super too that the committee had the tickets already available.

We Master Gardeners have a busy few weeks ahead of us with our plant sale in May and the Garden Walk Art Stroll in June. I hope we can all help out in some fashion with our two fundraisers. Remember too that you can earn your volunteer hours this way.

We have been enjoying visitors to our monthly programs. Our advisor, Greg Blonde, will be meeting with some of these perspective members before our May meeting. Let's continue to show the public what a warm, friendly group of gardeners we are!

On a personal note, my husband actually paid someone to brush cut, mow, and plow up a large garden plot. As I surveyed the freshly turned ground, I could not help but notice all the deer tracks in the new garden space. I have heard that stringing monofilament fish line around a garden several times will keep your garden "deer free." We will see.....

Until the dandelion fluff blows in the breeze, Rebecca.

Schedule of Spring Plant Sale Weekend:

Thursday, May 19 - 5:30pm @ Fairgrounds Education Bldg.-Set up tables & retrieve all plant sale supplies from storage site.

Friday, May 20 - 9am-4pm @ Fairgrounds Education Bldg.-Set up, plant intake, set up welcome display, put up all banners and pricing starts @ 2:30ish.

Saturday, May 21 - 7:30am-2pm @ Fairgrounds Education Bldg., - Spring Plant Sale.

Sign up (if you haven't already)! The list will be passed around at the May meeting. We will need greeters, cashiers, reference table help, personal shoppers, flyer distributors, refreshments, set-up and clean up. We will be bringing clean pots or blind slats to the April & May meetings that can be shared with MGV's.

Mark your calendars, the Spring Plant Sale is Saturday, May 21, 8 a.m. - 2 p.m. (Garden Walk/Art Stroll is Saturday, June 25, 2016 9am-4pm in New London) Both of these events are our main fundraisers and help WCMGV's lay the financial footings for all our upcoming activities, education and community support. All members are strongly encouraged to participate! Again, these are our only two fund raising projects/events.

Here are some suggestions of what we need from you for the Spring Plant Sale:

Annuals , Bulbs & Rhizomes, Herbs, Houseplants, Cacti & Succulents, Hostas, Seeds. Shrubs, Vegetable Plants, Trees, Vines, Ground covers, Native grasses, Ferns, Any Prairie or woodland plants, Hanging Baskets, Perennials - old favorites, unusual specimens, Garden Accents, Garden tools, Flower pots, Garden structures, Gardening books - new & used , Gardening magazines, Bird houses and feeders, Posters related to gardening, Garden crafts

Perennials that continue to sell well from one year to the next:

Hemerocallis (Daylilies), Coreopsis (Tickseed), Dicentra (Bleeding Heart), Heuchera (Coral Bells), Hosta (Hosta, Plantain-lily), Ornamental Grasses, Perovskia (Russian Sage), Salvia (Perennial Salvia), Paeonia (Peonies), Lavendula (Lavender), Sedum (Stonecrop), Leucanthemum (Shasta Daisies), Rudbeckia (Black Eyed Susan), Astilbe (Astilbe), Delphinium (Delphinium), Echinacea (Coneflower), Phlox (Tall Garden Phlox)

Right now dig & divide plants in your garden. We request that these plants are dug up early enough to be of significant size, put in a clean pot and identified properly. If you do not have plants or are unable to bring plants, there are plenty of tasks to sign up for.

Get your labels ready. We will have a supply for you at the April and May meetings. Remember to use clear tape over the label, so the plant information does not get washed away in the rain.

This years Spring Plant Sale Chair is: Kathleen Daley, Co-Chair: Sally Marchel Handrich & Sue Morack. The others who signed up to be on the 2016 Spring Plant Sale Committee is: Carol West Dahl, Bridget Kurth, Deana Hirte, Bill Johnson, Barb Nollenberg, Jean Skewes, Laurie Sloma, Tom & Ila Sanders, Jean Medway, Chris & Dick Bando and Vance Linden, Debbie Krogwold, Connie Jess Kolkoske- (pricing).

Waupaca County MGV Spring Plant Sale Policies & Guidelines

General Information

The Waupaca County Master Gardener Volunteers (WCMGVs) shall have, at a minimum, a spring and fall plant sale each year. The plant sales shall be held at the Waupaca County Fairgrounds in Weyauwega, WI.

Leadership

Each plant sale shall be co-chaired by two members of the WCMGVs with a new co-chair appointed for each sale. The spring

assistant co-chair will become chairperson of the fall sale and the fall assistant chair will become chairperson for the spring sale if that is at all possible. This will ensure that there will always be an experienced chairperson leading each sale.

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 for unsold plants they would like to be distributed to their projects. Plants will be distributed, as they are available.

May Birthdays



5/10 Christine Bando
5/13 Bill Johnson
5/26 Dick Bando
5/27 Ila Sanders
5/28 Vance Linden



Gardeners on the 2016 Garden Walk