



Waupaca County November 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.**

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

6:00 Social

6:30-7:30 Program : "Invasive Plants in
Your Backyard", presenter Steve Petznick

7:30 Business meeting

2016 Executive Board Members

President: Rebecca Weber-Schmoll

Vice-President: Sally Marchel/Handrich

Secretary: Deana Hirte

Treasurer: Bridget Kurth

Member at Large: Patty Tomczak-Virnic

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

November 10, 2016 Meeting Waupaca County Courthouse

6:00 Social

6:30-7:30 Program : "Invasive Plants in
Your Backyard", presenter Steve Petznick.

Steve has worked with invasive species for
over 25 years as a land manager/steward for
both private and county owned properties.
He notes that he has seen a steady increase
in the number of invasive terrestrial species
across the area. Steve will give an overview
of the variety of known invasives in central
Wisconsin as well as some potential problem
species.

He has a degree in Forest Management from
UW-Stevens Point. He has attended
numerous DNR conferences on invasive plant
issues. He is an ad-hoc instructor at Fox
Valley Technical College- Waupaca campus
where he teaches a number of courses
dealing with natural resource topics. Steve
has managed both prairies and woodlands.

7:30 Business meeting

The By-Laws Committee will be presenting
the final draft of the revised and updated
WCMGA By-Laws. Please review the
document before this meeting and be
prepared to discuss and vote to accept the
By-Laws as presented. The Executive Board
has reviewed, modified and approved the
final draft of the WCMGA By-Laws being
presented.

December 8, 2016 Christmas Party 6:30 - 8:30

Want to hear live music? Perhaps join in a
gift exchange? How about enjoy a pot luck
dinner? If you answered yes to any of these
questions then grab your Christmas spirit,
put on your holiday sweater, and join in the
fun at the Master Gardener's X-mas Party.

Secretaries Report

October 13, 2016

Call to order

Rebecca Weber Schmoll called to order the regular meeting of the UW-Extension Waupaca County Master Gardener Association at 6:30pm on October 13, 2016 in the lower level meeting room of the Waupaca County Courthouse. 18 members, 1 guest and advisor Greg Blonde-UWEX were in attendance.

Approval of Minutes

A correction to the Sept. minutes was given by Peggy regarding the goats: The fee for the use of the goats included a \$100.00 for set up and delivery and then \$50.00 a day of use then on. Jean motioned to accept corrected minutes and Pat 2nd the approval of the September 2016 meeting minutes.

Executive Board Meeting

Rebecca reported on meeting. Susan took minutes in Deana's absence. She handed out and read minutes to the membership.

Committee Reports: Sally and Connie

Membership: Sally shared that it is still open to sign up for committees and budget requests need to be handed in for the committees. She also had a bulb display unit at meeting from Silvermist for anyone that wanted to buy bulbs.

Program/Publicity: November 10th the program will be on invasive plants in your backyard. Sally asked for programming ideas for future meetings. The membership was asked to volunteer their yards to host meetings in summer. Deana volunteered her yard for one of the June meeting.

Nominations for officers: Connie shared she was happy that we have a full slate of officers including: Rebecca for president, Sally as vice-president, Bridgit for treasurer, Deana for secretary, Patty as 2nd year board member at large and Susan Young as 2 year board member.

State Representative Report:

Pat shared she will have more to report after upcoming state meetings come November. She also shared that a copy of *The Frightened Frog* will be sent to each library in the county. She also asked for a picture from membership to be added to report for Susan Marr. Pat would also like any contact information for Caroline Dahl. New time sheets are available to track hours.

Old Business:

S.O.P.: reported will be completed by the end of the year

By-laws: Bill handed out the new and improved version of the *Reference Guide to By-laws of the Waupaca County Master Gardener Association (WCMGA)* as well as well as a notice of intent to accept the new bylaws to entire membership. Deana will mail to absent members. He thanked Pat and Kathleen for their help with the by-laws update. Voting to take place at the November meeting.

Pat explained scholarship deadlines as part of SOPs. Friends of MG scholarship and changes to the Ameritis (sp?) clause and voting on that to take place at next meeting. Susan asked about liability insurance and discussion took place. We are insured for 65 people.

Next Executive Board Meetings will be held the first Monday in December at Royalton Church at 6:30 pm.

New Business:

November election: absentee ballots to follow direction as stated in by-laws

Home Show: Sue reported on last year's experience. This year will be held March 4 & 5-need volunteers as important for promotion of MG and recruitment of new members. Patty, Barb, Deana all volunteered to help

Storage unit lease: Pat reported it has been turned over to MG and Sally and Pat signed contracts.

Scholarship for new members/trainees: discussion held and idea to offer several smaller scholarships to encourage more new members. Possibly a need based scholarship also. Scholarships would be awarded after completion of class and volunteer hours.

Adjournment:

Rebecca Weber Schmoll adjourned the meeting at 7:18pm.

Food, fellowship, and Rob Zimmer bulb program followed.

Next Year Dates

2017 MG Spring Plant Sale - Saturday, May 20, 2017 - 8am-2:00pm, Waupaca County Fairgrounds in Weyauwega. 2017 MG Garden Walk and Art Stroll - Saturday, June 24, 2017 - 9am-4:00pm - Waupaca Area

November President Letter

As I compose this letter, thoughts of politics loom. The Presidential election is less than two weeks away. I, for one, will be glad when all the campaigning is over. But I do need to focus on one bit of political news, our own M.G. elections. I find myself "running" for election to be your very own M.G. president for a second term. If elected to this leadership position, I promise to do my very best as M.G.V. president. I will handle necessary paperwork, such as composing a monthly letter and a meeting agenda. I will run a "tight ship" with our monthly meeting. I hope to keep meetings on the short side so there are plenty of opportunities for members to visit and enjoy the refreshments. I also pledge to share in bringing refreshments to the meetings, especially my favorite Fall vegetable to the October meeting. I also promise to remember to correctly adjourn meetings and not get carried away with the lure of free seeds. All kidding aside, please support our M.G. election by entertaining the thought of being an officer and attending and voting at our November meeting.

This month my husband and I finalized the sale of our "old" home. I truly loved this country property and am now feeling mixed emotions about the sale. I said good-bye to the vegetable garden that I had cultivated for over twenty-five years. This football field size garden was virtually weed free. But two years of being idle resulted in the weeds taking possession. There was one Mullen plant, a biennial, that stood over eight feet tall. How can that happen? By the way, did you know that Mullen has many herbal and medicinal uses? The sap from the leaves can be used to help soothe and heal scrapes, burns, cuts, and rashes. Smoking the semi dried leaves is an old cure for bronchitis and asthma. The leaves are also an emergency substitution for toilet paper. The dried seed stalk can be used as a nighttime torch. All this from a weed that I yanked out of the ground!

I did complete my task of planting 200 spring bulbs at my new house. I was able to talk my sister into helping me with this job. We worked one afternoon when we were lucky enough to enjoy a warm sunny afternoon. I was dreading this job but it was

actually a very pleasant task. My sister and I visited and enjoyed each other's company. This reminds me of one reason for being a Master Gardener Volunteer. Not only do we cultivate gardens and flowers, but we also cultivate friendships and community involvement. All this being a very good thing and reminds me of the plans to become involved in the WDUX Spring Home Show in March. This is a good opportunity to generate some free advertising for our plant sale and garden art walk. Plus we so very much need to get our name out in the public to generate new members. So, please think about how you can help out with these upcoming M.G. projects.

Until all those Halloween jack-o-lanterns turn to mush.....Rebecca

Thank-you to all the MGVs that helped in any way at the county fair. This is an excellent opportunity for the Master Gardeners to share their knowledge and help the youth and the adults learn not only about the program but also how to do a good better job of growing and identifying plants and flowers. Thanks also to the members that exhibited in the open class departments so that the public was able to see what great growers we have in the group. Thanks to all that spent time in the booth answering questions and talking about the MG program. Without your time and enthusiasm we wouldn't been able to make an impact in Waupaca County.

Correspondence received:

I just received your generous donation to our library yesterday. We appreciate your continued support. I will let you know at a later date of the materials that we purchased with this gift.

Thanks again,
Kristi Pennebecker, Director Weyauwega
Public Library

November Birthdays

11/12 Jean Skewes

11/19 Deana Hirte

11/19 Virginia Morgan