

Waupaca County September 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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2015 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: 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

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(Barb N., Connie Z.) anyone else??
We are bringing back a fun initiative from the
past you might say. Its called the Martha
Steward "It's a Good Thing" initiative. Someone
talks about some fun & interesting
(garden/nature related) activity, project, craft,
garden tool, short-cut to effective gardening
ideas that they might think are of interest to
other members, and briefly talk about it (just a
couple of minutes) - then say if you'd like (or
group says) "its a good thing"!!

October 13, 2016

Waupaca County Courthouse
6:00 pm Social
6:30 pm Business Meeting
7:30 pm Program with Rob Zimmer "Designing
with Unusual
Fall Bulbs - Beyond Tulips & Daffodils &
Demonstrate How to
"Force Bulbs" for Winter Interest"

The programming committee is looking for
speakers/ideas for the 2017 Program year -
please let Sally or Ila know if you have any ideas,
thank you.

New London's Walmart has donated thousands of
packets of seeds to the city. The Park and Rec
department has given them all to the New London
Children's Garden. We have picked out what we can
use. If you could use seeds for your projects please
help yourself. The seeds will be at the September
meeting.

UW-Extension Waupaca County Master Gardener Association August Meeting Minutes

July 14, 2016

Call to order

Rebecca Weber-Schmoll called to order the off-site meeting of the UW-Extension Waupaca County Master Gardener Association at 6:35pm on August 11, 2016 at White Lake Nursery 2 located in Weyauwega, WI.

Approval of Minutes

Ila motioned and Joan 2nd the approval of the July 2016 meeting minutes as written in newsletter.

Treasurer's Report: Bridget

Bridget Kurth gave treasurer's report and stated it was an unusual month.

Committee Reports: Sally and Connie

Membership: Next month is a business meeting held at the Waupaca County Courthouse-lower level

Program/Publicity: Annual dues, volunteer hours, committee sign up. "A Good Thing" meeting activity introduced and brought back from past meetings to incorporate more fun into monthly meetings. "A Good Thing" invites members to provide short 'demos' at meetings. More information will be given in monthly newsletters. Barb and Rebecca volunteered to demo "A Good Thing" at next meeting.

Garden Walk: Sally shared her sister's positive opinion of this year's garden walk/art stroll. Deana spoke of an email received from one of the artists and her interest in using our idea of incorporating artists into her group's annual garden walk. Her email is shown below:

Hi Deana,

I'm am terribly late with this thank you note, but the summer has a way of getting busy and although I love that, it causes me to get behind in things like this. I just wanted to thank you for having me as an artist for your garden walk. I certainly never think of myself as an artist, but I was honored. I had no idea what to expect of the day. I had a truly enjoyable day spent with gardeners (my favorite people) and sold more tree charms than I had expected. The day went so fast with the constant flow of people.

I'm on the garden walk committee for the Outagamie Cty. Master Gardeners and I'm very curious how the addition of artist worked out for your organization. Several years ago we added artist to our walk and it didn't go over so we haven't done it again. Did the addition of artist work out for Waupaca?

Thanks again for allowing me to sell my tree charms at your Garden Walk!

Colleen Reed

Host Message:

Nancy Vercellotti, owner of White Lake Nurseries 1 & 2 spoke of the business and locations history. She shared she has been owner of location 1 for 30 years and locations 2 for 5 years. Later she gave a demonstration of sedum propagation.

State Representative Report: Pat

Fair sign up sheet was passed around. Pat was judging and showing at the state fair but made it to our meeting. Pat shared idea of Children's Gardening and Kate Saunders. State Convention coming up in WI Dells 3rd weekend in September

Old Business:

S.O.P.: no new news

By-laws: no new news

Executive Board Meetings held first Monday in October and December at Royalton Church at 6:30 pm.

Bench: Bench for NL Children's Garden installed with plaque

New Business:

Waupaca County Fair: volunteer hours opportunities discussed previously and volunteer passes will be available

Connie shared we will be creating a slate of officers to be voted on in November

Faye shared a picture of the Verna Radtke plaque at the fairgrounds garden. It was also shared on Facebook.

Christmas Party(Patty): tabled until September
Program committee asked for membership to think about and offer programming ideas for next year.

Adjournment:

Rebecca Weber-Schmoll adjourned the meeting at 7:12pm

Food, garden tours, shopping, and fellowship followed.

Minutes submitted by: Deana Hirte



September Birthdays

9/14 Kathleen Daley

9/22 Debbie Krogwold

Master Gardener President's Letter September 2016

Have you ever heard the term "Judas tree" in September? Do you know what that term is referencing? A Judas tree in late August or early September is that first tree that sports the bright red colors of autumn, usually a maple tree. That tree is betraying summer with its autumn red leaves. Just as Judas Iscariot betrayed Jesus, a Judas tree is betraying summer. I have not yet seen any such trees this month, but soon....We all know those things we need to do to stay healthy. Exercise, drink eight glasses of water a day, and eat your fruits and vegetables. Brush and floss your teeth, get eight hours of quality sleep, and have a yearly physical. Maintain a healthy weight, no smoking or excessive alcohol consumption, keep your mind active, and have an active social life.

Just like the steps we all take to stay happy and healthy, there are steps that we need to take to keep our Waupaca County Master Gardener Association healthy. We need to take an active role in our group. Our September meeting is your opportunity to sign up for committees and projects. Your involvement is needed to keep this wonderful gardening association healthy, well, and active. Please remember that November brings our election for new officers. Please think about stepping forward to fill one of the officer roles. Contact the Nominating committee, Connie or Ila, with any questions.

There are two other things to remember for our September meeting. One is our mini "Martha Stewart" event where we can all share some neat little gardening idea or project. Plus September is also the month to turn in all your hours and your dues to Pat. Until the Fall mums and pumpkins begin decorating our front porches, Rebecca.

A Note from Walt

The Riverside Reflection Gardens are in dire need of someone to take them on and keep them up since I am no longer able to work in them. Steve, the ground's man for the hospital works on them, but is not able to keep up with them. There is a lot of work to do there, but wish someone would take it on.

