



Waupaca County March, 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.

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

March 9, 2017
6:00pm Social
6:30pm Business meeting
7:30pm Program
"The Art of Beekeeping"- Ken Williams

2016 Executive Board Members

President: Rebecca Weber-Schmoll
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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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Programming:

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"The Art of Beekeeping"- Ken Williams is our speaker and he has been a UW-Extension Agent since 1999. He has been a bee keeper for a few years and recognizes that bees are an important part for the development of many plants and flowers. It is estimated that around 30 percent of the worlds crops are pollinated by bees, equating to \$15 billion a year in US crops. These crops are dependent on the insects for successful harvest seasons. He will discuss the process to get started at bee keeping, what hives to purchase and some of the challenges of bee keeping. This is a free program and is open to the public.

April 13, 2017

Waupaca County Courthouse

6:00pm Social

6:30pm Business meeting

7:30pm Program

"Designing With Hosta" - Tammy Tomtschik

Continuing Education Hours:

A Creative Look at Landscape Design Presented by Sheila Glaske, Horticulture Curator at The Paine. Sponsored by the Winnebago County Master Gardener Association. There is no cost for this program.

A simple way to get your mind wrapped around landscape design for the beginner gardener. Tuesday, March 14, 2017 at 6:30 pm in the lower level conference room at the Oshkosh Library. It will last about an hour and a half. There is no need to sign up in advance or to pre-register.

Spring Plant Sale - May 20, 2017

Next Spring Plant Sale committee meeting will be right after the Garden Walk meeting which is at 5:30pm on March 9. If we run out of time, we will meet right before the April meeting.

Sign up (if you haven't already)! The list will be passed around at the March, April & May meetings. 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 MGVS's.

Mark your calendars, the Spring Plant Sale is Saturday, May 20, 8 a.m. - 2 p.m. (Garden Walk/Art Stroll is Saturday, June 24, 2017 - 9am-4pm in the Waupaca Area.) 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.

Schedule of Spring Plant Sale Weekend:

Thursday, May 18 - 5:00pm @ Fairgrounds Education Bldg.-Retrieve all plant sale supplies from storage unit & set up tables.
 Friday, May 19 - 9am-6pm @ Fairgrounds Education Bldg.-Set up, plant intake, set up welcome display, put up all banners (inside & out) & signs and pricing starts @ 2:00ish.
 Saturday, May 20 - Plant Sale: 8am-2pm (arrive at 7:30am) - Fairgrounds Education Bldg., - (2pm - 4pm-Clean up & pack vehicles to take to storage.)

Right now start thinking about what you will dig & divide in your garden to be donated to the sale. We request that all plants are dug up early enough to be of significant size, put in a clean pots and identified properly. If you do not have plants or are unable to bring plants, there are plenty of tasks to sign up for.

We will also have the Spring Plant Flyer ready and copies available for you to take

and post around your community at the appropriate time.

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. We will also bring pots of various sizes in April & May. This years Spring Plant Sale Co-Chairs are: Sally Marchel Handrich & Patty Tomczak-Virnig.

Garden Walk/Art Stroll Committee Meeting

The Garden Walk/Art Stroll Committee will be meeting prior to our regular March meeting at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, March 9, 2017. Please let Ila know via email if you are unable to attend. Plans are coming together for the June 24th event!

February Meeting Minutes

Call to order

President Rebecca Weber Schmoll called to order the regular meeting of the UW-Extension Waupaca County Master Gardener Association at 6:25 p.m. on February 9, 2017 in the lower level meeting room of the Waupaca County Courthouse. Rebecca presented a letter and journal that was 6 years in the making. She passed it around for all to see. Fifteen members were in attendance.

Approval of Minutes

Rebecca asked for a motion to accept the minutes of the January 2017 meeting, as printed in the February 2017 newsletter. Debbie motioned to accept the minutes and Kathleen 2nd. The minutes were approved.

Executive Board Meeting

The executive board meeting was held on February 6, 2017. Sally summarized and took notes as Deana was unable to attend due to work. Topics of discussion included the Home Show, giveaways, and a review of ballot for meeting times. Based on the results of the ballots, meetings will remain in the evening as is. Future executive board meetings will be held on the third Monday of May, October, and December (if needed).

Treasurer's Report:

Bridget was absent; however it was noted in the minutes that a C.D. was cashed to cover a scholarship check.
No discussion was held.

Committee Reports: Sally and Connie

Spring Plant Sale: Sally summarized the spring plant sale meeting that was held just prior to this meeting. Plans and assignments discussed. The sale is scheduled for May 20.
Garden Walk/Art Stroll: Sally summarized what has been done so far for this event. Six gardens in the Waupaca area are being sought for the event.

Membership: Sally and Connie held a drawing for the cost of a class from those present. Barb Nollenberg won the drawing.
Program/Publicity: Tonight's program will be given by Shelly from Graziano's the topic being Hydrangeas. The March 9th program topic is Bees, and April's topic is Designing with Hostas. The public is invited.
Scholarship: The recipient's transcript has been turned in and scholarship check written.

WDUX Home Show: Sue spoke about the home show being held on March 4 & 5th. MG members signed up to work shifts. She is looking for plants that are blooming from membership for display. Plants will be returned.

State Representative Report: Pat
Pat handed out stickers to those that had not yet received theirs. She discussed an article in National Jr Horticulture. She shared that the Plant and Soil Committee (of which she is a part) sponsors Jr Horticulture They recently won an award.

Old Business:
Previously discussed under other topics

New Business:
Connie shared information about an online resource called University Place by WI Public Education (WPT.org/watch) that offers taped lectures. You can sign up to receive notices of upcoming lectures that will qualify for education hours for MG.

New Training

MG members will attend designated training sessions to discuss MG projects and other business. Members will sign up to speak the first 15 minutes on training nights. Sign up sheets were passed around and open dates discussed. Connie and Rebecca spoke the first night of the training to the class. There are 7 trainees attending.

Other Business

Jean spoke on the Mission of Hope House and project opportunity that will consist of volunteer hours only. The site is located in New London. Several ideas for educating the homeless through the home were discussed. Ideas pertaining to MG included planting gardens, raised gardens, harvesting and cooking the food, planting a flower garden, and landscaping. A thought was to donate leftover plants from the plant sale for this project. Jean said more info would be forthcoming.

Kathleen has 2 tickets for the Garden Expo in Madison to give away. Jean received.

Adjournment:

President Rebecca Weber Schmolli asked for a motion to adjourn. Jean M. motioned, Jean S 2nd; meeting adjourned at 7:11p.m.

Minutes submitted by: Deana Hirte

March 2017 M.G. President Letter

As I write this letter, we are enjoying our almost week of record breaking high temperatures. Although this was a wimpy winter for my snowshoeing, it has made for some good walking and biking days. Biking around my country neighborhood, I have spotted my first of the year sandhill cranes, V's of geese flying, and robins. Only a few patches of snow in the shade of my yard remain. But I do know that I live in Wisconsin, and winter will return very soon for a few more days (weeks?).

Monday was pruning day here with the bushes and orchard trees getting a trimming. Some wild grape vines were also trimmed back. Now the tangle of branches needs to be discarded. Outside Christmas and winter decorations were packed away for the year. Too early for putting up any Easter

decorations, I settled on my one St. Patrick's Day wooden cutout to put on the front porch.

Remember that our M.G. organization is participating at the WDUX Radio Home and Garden Show. Seeing the advance advertising for the show, the tag line is "Your Home, Your Yard, Your Life." I like that, even though our M.G. emphasis is on gardening in that yard. The home show is March 4 and 5 at the Waupaca Rec Center at 407 School Street. I hope our participation in this event generates interest from the attending public to become a Master Gardener.

Training is also underway for future Master Gardeners. Classes are Tuesday evenings 6 P.M. at the Waupaca County Courthouse. Please, if you did sign up to attend one of the classes, enthusiastically present your M.G. project and share your reason for being a M.G.V. Thanks much for helping to sell our organization, and remember, you only need to spend a few minutes at the beginning of class informally presenting.

Checking my calendar, I see that our two big M.G. fundraisers are fast approaching. The plant sale is May 20 and our Garden/Art Walk is June 24. Be thinking of what plants you need to divide that could be potted up for the sale. I know it is way too early for doing any digging of plants yet. If you are fortunate enough to have a greenhouse set up, please think about starting some vegetable seeds for selling. Heirloom tomatoes are always a good seller. Sally and Ila are also still looking for more gardens in the Waupaca area for our garden/art walk. If you know of any beautiful gardens, please try to involve the gardeners of these beautiful spots in our fundraiser.

Our March program will be about beekeeping. I am sure you are all aware of how important bees are to pollinating our flowers and vegetables. Bees are also having a rough time lately with disease issues and Sudden Colony Collapse. My stepson began bee keeping this last summer with some success. I am disappointed that I will be missing this March program. Sunscreen, sandy beaches, and tropical temperatures are awaiting me. Sally will be

presiding over our meeting. Thanks in advance.

Until that first dandelion blooms.....**Rebecca**

Master Gardeners impatient for spring can use the opportunity to check out the great gardening resources at our local libraries.

One of my recent discoveries is GARDENING FOR BUTTERFLIES by the Xerxes Society. Filled with clear information and fine photos, this Timber Press publication begins with an overview of the major types of butterflies and moths that might appear in your backyard.

It provides tips for designing a butterfly garden, followed by pictures and descriptions of over one hundred perennials, grasses, shrubs and trees that could be useful. Information on planting and maintaining a butterfly garden is included. GARDENING FOR BUTTERFLIES ends with chapters on helping butterflies beyond the garden wall and observing and enjoying butterflies.

Submitted by Glenda Rhodes

March Birthdays:

3/1 Joan Schmitt
 3/15 Jean Medway
 3/16 Tom Sanders
 3/19 Barb Nollenberg
 3/22 Rebecca Weber Schmol
 3/25 Alice Brown



Master Gardener Home Show Exhibit

**Waupaca County UW-Extension
207 Master Gardener Volunteer General
Training Program**

The 2017 UW-Extension MG volunteer training in Waupaca County will be held every Tuesday, February 7 through April 25 from 6 – 7:30 PM.

The class is held at the courthouse, first floor, across from the Extension Office. You only need to speak for about 10-15 minutes on your topic. Just remind Greg that you are at the class so you can speak right away. You can put your time down in your hours too. Thank you much for helping with this.

DATE:	TOPICS:	MANUAL:	GUESTS
February 7	Orientation, Botany & Phenology	Introduction Chapter 1 Chapter 19	<i>G. Blonde MG Rebecca MG Connie</i>
February 14	Soils	Chapter 2	<i>Susan M. (Home Show)</i>
February 21	Herbaceous Ornamentals & Landscape Design	Chapter 10 Chapter 16	<i>Sally M.H. (Spring Plant Sale)</i>
February 28	Woody Ornamentals	Chapter 11	<i>Bill J. (Garden Walk}</i>
March 7	Plant Diseases	Chapter 6	<i>Barb N. (Waupaca Children's Garden)</i>
March 14	Pest Management & Organic Gardening	Chapter 4 Chapter 7	<i>Jean S. (Fair Gardens)</i>
March 21	Vegetable Gardening	Chapter 14	<i>Patty T.V. (Head Start Garden)</i>
March 28	Weed Management	Chapter 7	<i>Ila (Garden Walk)</i>
April 4	Insects – Joint Training Waushara Co Courthouse	Chapter 5	<i>P.J. Liesch</i>
April 11	Fruits	Chapter 15	<i>Pat R. (Fair)</i>
April 18	General Gardening	Chapter 3 Chapter 9	<i>D. Krogwold</i>
April 25	Lawns	Chapter 12	<i>?? Need a Master Gardener to sign up!!</i>