



Waupaca County December 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.

**Master Gardener Christmas Party
6:00 pm
Royalton Christian Church
E7296 Church St
New London, WI**

2016 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: Susan Young
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

Programming

December 14, 2017

6:00 pm Christmas Party
Royalton Church in Royalton, WI
Please Note: **New location**

Directions:

Royalton Christian Church
E7296 Church St
New London, Wi.

The church is located in Royalton but has a New London address.

The church is located on the corner of Church and Depot Streets in Royalton.

To get there from Waupaca go east on Highway 54 for about 13 miles. Depot St. is the last street before you leave Royalton. Turn left at this corner and go one block. If you get to the gas station turn around go back 1/2 block.

If coming from New London go west on Highway 54 for 6 miles. Turn right onto Depot St. It is the first street past the gas station.

If coming from Manawa, take County Highway B south of Manama and into Royalton. Turn left at the stop sign where B joins 54 and go one block. Turn left onto Depot St and go one block to the church.

If coming from Weyauwega, turn right onto County Rd. X North of town. Go 3 miles to the Junction with County Highway O. Turn Left onto O and go 3 miles. At the stop sign for Hwy 54 turn right and go 2 miles. Depot St. is last street before you leave Royalton. Turn left at this corner and go one block. If you get to the gas station turn around go back 1/2 block.

If you have questions call Pat at (920) 538-1246 (cell phone number).

January 11, 2017 Meeting

6:00 Social

6:30 Business Meeting

7:15 Program

Insects to Watch For in 2018

Speaker: PJ Leisch, UW Madison research entomologist

Distance learning with a live video

Joan Schmitt and Sue Morack

November Meeting Minutes**Call to order and Welcome (guests)**

Rebecca Weber-Schmoll called the regular meeting of the UW-Extension Waupaca County Master Gardener Association to order at 6:30 pm on November 9, 2017. The meeting was held at the Waupaca County Courthouse lower level. Sixteen members and 1 guest were in attendance. A thank you was received from the Waupaca Library for funds to be used to purchase garden magazines and gardening books.

Approval of Minutes

Minutes were sent via email. Jean motioned for approval of the October 2017 minutes and Sally seconded.

Treasurer's Report

Bridget gave her report.

Committee Reports

Membership: Connie and Sally presented the 10th Annual Thanksgiving Gardener Award to two exceptional members this year: Bridget Kurth and Ila Sanders!

"Everyone in this organization is pretty amazing and deserves our thanks from time to time. The membership committee wants to say thanks to two individuals who were nominated by their fellow Master Gardeners. With Thanksgiving just around the corner, it is now time for the 10th Annual Thanksgiving Gardener Awards! Thanks to both of you for always stepping up when we need you!"

State Representative's Report:

Pat reported about the state face-to-face meeting held in October. She shared info about 3 counties that received awards for gardens designed/worked on. She also shared she was 1 of 2 people recognized for 25+ years of service to Master Gardeners.

Old Business

Executive Board meeting/Budget meeting:

This meeting has been scheduled for the December 11 at 6:30pm at the Royalton Church

Grant Update: Patty and Vicki worked on this grant. We did not receive the grant but want to express our thanks to Vicki and Patty for your hard work!

Nomination Committee: We had a full slate of officers. Bill motioned for a unanimous vote and Jean seconded. This motion was voted on; all nominated officers were elected.

Christmas Party: The party will be held at the Royalton Church, N7296 Depot St, New London (the church is located in Royalton even though it has a New London address). The party will start at 6:00 pm and will include a potluck dinner, a gift exchange (no more than \$10), games, and Christmas music.

Adjournment

Rebecca Weber-Schmoll asked for a motion to adjourn. Pat motioned, Connie seconded, all were in favor, meeting adjourned at 6:57pm. Program given by Rob Zimmer on Monarch Butterflies in Wisconsin followed.

Minutes submitted by: Deana Hirte

President's Letter December 2017

It is with both happiness and sadness that I compose this month's letter. This is letter number twenty-four of my two years being our organization's president. Some of these letters were just a nagging chore to complete, while other letters were just a fun exercise to compose.

I want to thank all the members who made my two-year reign as president so easy. With the exception of one or two minor bumps in the road, being president was most enjoyable. I am in awe of the huge amount of work many of our members put in for the well being of our garden organization and community. It does take a lot of hard work to make our fundraisers and projects so successful. Thank you so much for being such hard working gardeners.

December is a gardener's off month. No weeds to pull and no crops to harvest. This is now the month to dream of all our beautiful weed free flower and vegetable

gardens of next year. The arrival of all the seed catalogs in our mailboxes will certainly making dreaming of perfect gardens so much easier.

December 11 the executive board meeting is scheduled for 6:30 P.M. at the Royalton Church. This is our budget meeting to allot funding for 2018. Feel free to attend with your input.

Our December M.G. meeting will be our Christmas party. For a more relaxed and inviting location for our Christmas festivities, we will be again meeting at the Royalton church. Potluck and optional gift exchange are planned. I am planning on digging out my ugly Christmas sweater for the party.

I think one of the nicest aspects of being a gardener is having found a way to relax from life's stresses. Working in the garden, learning new gardening techniques, and just daydreaming about future gardening adventures are a great way to relax and enjoy life. Let's hope that our Waupaca County Master Gardener organization will be able to help both current and future gardeners to do this.

Until we each find a quiet moment to enjoy the beauty of this holiday season.....

Rebecca



December MG Birthdays:

12/3 Peggy Kramer
12/23 Susan Young
12/26 Laurie Sloma

For Your Information

Garden Dreams 2018

When: February 3, 2018 7:45 am – 3:00 pm

Where: Lettie Jensen Community Center
Amherst, Wisconsin

Cost: \$30.00, which includes a hot lunch

Registration deadline is January 30, 2018

Note: A hearing loop is available

See the registration brochure for information on topics and speakers. We hope you will join us. You can also view the registration brochure online at <https://goo.gl/PumsnC>
For more information, please call 715-345-9776 or e-mail 66hornets@gmail.com. We hope to see you there!