



## *Waupaca County March 2018*

# *Master Gardener Volunteers' Newsletter*

**Master Gardener Meetings are held the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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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**6:30 PM Business meeting**  
**7:15 PM Program: Tool Sharpening**

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### **2016 Executive Board Members**

**President: Sally Marchel/Handrich**  
**Vice-President: Patty Tomczak-Virnig**  
**Secretary: Deana Hirte**  
**Treasurer: Bridget Kurth**  
**Member at Large: Jean Skewes**  
**Member at Large: Jane Wilson**  
**Past President: Rebecca Weber-Schmoll**  
**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

### **Garden Walk & Art Stroll**

**Our first meeting is scheduled for 5:30pm on March 8, 2018 (prior to our March meeting)**

### **Plant Sale**

**There will be a short Plant Sale Meeting at 6:00 pm on March 8th-Thanks-Patty**

### **March 8, 2018 Meeting**

6:00 PM Social  
6:30 PM Business meeting  
7:15 PM Program: Tool Sharpening

Speaker: John Hengel, Master Gardener from Outagamie County, will share ideas on sharpening your tools. You may bring a tool with you that you would like to know how to use and/or sharpen. John will not be sharpening your tools for you at this meeting but will answer your questions.

### **April 12, 2018 Meeting**

6:00 Social  
6:30 Business Meeting  
7:15 Program: Insects to Watch for in

(Rescheduled from January 2018)  
Speaker: PJ Liesch, UW Madison research entomologist, will present his program via live video from UW Madison. Do you have questions about stinkbugs, jumping worms, mosquitoes, and other insect pests? We will be able to ask him questions after his presentation. Feel free to invite guests. The public is welcome to join us.

### **Meeting Minutes**

February 8, 2018

### **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 6pm on February 8, 2018. The meeting was held at the Waupaca County Courthouse lower level. Seventeen members were in attendance.

### **Approval of Minutes**

There were no minutes from January as the meeting was cancelled due to weather. The December minutes were brief due to the Christmas party and were included in the January newsletter distributed previously.

### **Audit Committee Report**

Sally summarized the January 3, 2018, audit committee's report (Tom S/Terry K) and handed out a hard copy to the membership present. She stated the record keeping was in good order. The auditing committee advised that a voucher form should accompany all future checks.

### **Treasurer's Report and Review, Discussion & Potential Approval of Budget for 2018**

Bridget gave the treasurer's report. Sue and Bridget summarized the 2018 budget and explained all changes. The membership voted to accept the budget and all were in favor.

### **Committee Reports:**

**Membership**-Pat explained how Master Gardener Volunteers could acquire volunteer hours and educational hours to meet membership requirements.

**Program/Publicity**-Sue reported there will be no participation in the home show this year, largely due to costs.

**State Rep's Report**- Pat R. reported that she had received a booklet that documented reports and hours of all the state's Master Gardener's clubs.

### **Old Business:**

**Mission of Hope**-Jean reported there is a fundraiser on March 3 at Crystal Falls in New London to help sustain the shelter. The garden projects at the Mission of Hope site are 75% done. Planting will be held late April/early May after people move in. They will have the opportunity to receive education on growing and planting.

### **New Business:**

**Spring Plant Sale: May 19, 2018** -Patty and Vicki asked the membership what everyone is planning on digging up for the sale. The theme will be "From Our Garden to Yours". Next month will have sign up sheets

for the sale. April's program will focus on jumping worms. This will be helpful in regard to the our homegrown plants at the sale.

**Garden Walk**-Sally and Sue reported that there are presently five confirmed gardens. In March the garden walk committee will meet at 5:30 prior to the regular meeting. The first regular garden walk meeting will be in April.

**New London Children's Garden**-Laurie Sloma can no longer chair the NL Garden. Rebecca and Jean S will co-team the project.

**Adjournment:** the meeting was adjourned to enjoy the program given by Cathy Spiegelberg from Weyauwega Premier Petals "Simple Floral Arranging".

Minutes respectfully submitted by:  
Deana Hirte-secretary

### **Notes from the President:**

- Grant writing applications are due March 1 with the Waupaca Area Convention & Visitor Bureau. If interested in writing a grant, please contact Terri Schultz at 715-258-7343.

-Free educational event at Jay-Mar, Inc., in Plover, WI - call to register 715-341-3445 to reserve a seat. Last one of the season is: March 10 - 10-noon - Landscaping for Wildlife & Pollinators.

-Radio: Rob Zimmer Outdoors garden/nature radio talk show is on Friday 4:00-5:00 pm & Saturday 7:00 am to 8:00 am, WHBY 1150am

-Pat R. will hand out hourly award certificates, new member certificates and name badges and 2018 re-certification stickers.

-Executive board members: be prepared to schedule board meetings for 2018.

### **Spring Plant Sale, Saturday, May 19, 2018 - "From Our Gardens To Yours"**

Mark your calendars, the Spring Plant Sale is Saturday, May 19, 2018, 8 a.m. - 2 p.m. The Spring Plant sale is one of our main fundraisers and helps WCMGV's lay the financial footings for all of our upcoming activities, education and community

support. All members are strongly encouraged to participate!

Right now you can start making a list of the plants you need to dig and divide in your garden. You can also start seeds and nurture plants along to sell at the Spring Sale. Estimate the number of plants you can donate. Maybe its time to thin out those overgrown clumps of perennials!

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

Sign up! The list will be passed around at the March, April and May meetings. We need your help as greeters, cashiers, reference table help, personal shoppers, flyer distributors, refreshments, checking in plants, set-up and clean up. Also will need someone there to help set up tables and transport plant sale supplies from the storage unit to the fairgrounds. We will also need a "Welcome Display" - if you have ideas let us know. This years Spring Plant Sale Co-Chairs are Patty Tomczak-Virnig and Vicki Haefer. Please contact Patty at ptomczakvirnig@yahoo.com if you are interested in any special assignment at the plant sale.

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

Annuals Hanging baskets, Bulbs & Rhizomes, Fairy gardens, Herbs, Native grasses, Houseplants, Any Prairie or woodland plants, Cacti & Succulents Ferns, Hostas, Ground cover, Seeds, Vines, Shrubs, Trees, Vegetable Plants, Garden Accents, Garden tools, Gardening books - new & used, Flower pots, Bird houses and feeders, Garden structures, Garden art/crafts, Gardening magazines, and Posters related to gardening

#### SOME MORE POPULAR PERENNIALS

A few perennials that continue to sell well from year to year:

Hemerocallis (Daylilies) - Epimediums - Verbena - Coreopsis (Tickseed) - Joe-Pye weed - Yucca - Dicentra (Bleeding Heart) - Cranesbill - Geranium - Speedwell - Heuchera (Coral Bells) - Gaillardia - Veronica - Hosta -Helleborus -Lady's mantle - Ornamental Grasses - Lamium - Dead nettle - Yarrow - Perovskia (Russian Sage) - Liatris - Ajuga - Salvia - Ligularia - Artemisia - Peonies - Lupine - Columbine - Lavendula (Lavender) -Monarda -Milkweed (orange)- Sedums -Anemone -Aster - Shasta Daisies -Iris -Baptisia - Rudbeckia - Solomon's seal -Bergenia - Astilbe Pulmonaria -Bugbane - Delphinium - European wild ginger - Foxglove - Echinacea (Coneflower) - Tiarella - Phlox - Spiderwort

#### **Class Available**

Incorporating Horticultural Therapy into Local MG Programs

Saturday, Aug 25<sup>th</sup>  
8:30 am - 4:00 pm  
UW Extension Office  
3365 W. Brewster St  
Appleton, WI

Facilitated by Mike Maddox...\$20/person

Extension educators and volunteers have a long history of supporting garden-based education programs and projects for individuals and communities. However, traditional program design and evaluation may not always deliver and capture the full extent of outcomes for the participant. Or, educators and volunteers are asked to deliver a program to a population in which they have no prior experience. The incorporation of principles and practices of horticultural therapy as well as thoughtful program design can improve the experience of participants in our garden-based education programs, better communicate the full extent of impacts, and give confidence to educators and volunteers to expand program access to new non-traditional audiences.

Therapeutic horticulture is the process by which individuals may develop well-being using plants and horticulture. It is not only an emerging profession, it is a time-proven

practice. The therapeutic benefits of peaceful garden environments have been understood since ancient times. It is recognized as a practical and viable treatment with wide-ranging benefits for people in therapeutic, vocational and wellness programs, which include Veterans, hospital and correctional inmates, Alzheimer patients and individuals with disabilities.

For more information about this unique one-day training opportunity for Mater Gardener volunteers in this area, go to:

<https://wimastergardener.org/2017/02/06/workshop-incorporating-horticultural-therapy-into-extension-programs/>



### March Birthdays

3/1 Joan Schmitt  
3/15 Jean Medway  
3/16 Tom Sanders  
3/19 Barb Nollenberg  
3/22 Rebecca Weber Schmoll  
3/23 Jane Wilson  
3/25 Alice Brown