



Waupaca County July 2018

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.

July Meeting:

Thursday, July 12 at the New London Children's Garden

6:00 Social

6:15 Brief meeting (County Fair)

6:30 Potluck

2018 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

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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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Location: New London Children's Garden

Contact Joan Schmitt for directions (920-209-7744)'

August Meeting:

Saturday, August 4 at the Green Bay Botanical Garden

The WCMG Membership Committee will pay the ticket cost for members attending.

Guests are welcome to join us at their own cost of \$10/\$8 per person. To sign up, contact Joan Schmitt at 920-982-3860 or sign up at the July meeting

September meeting:

Thursday, September 13 in the courthouse
Program: Heirloom Plants Business meeting: Come prepared with your hours and your committee sign-up choices. More details to follow in the August newsletter.

August 21 - August 26. 2018: Waupaca County Fair

To get more information on the fair, go to waupacacountyfair.org. Deadline for participating in Open Class is July 26, 2018. Note: fair entry by computer is a new option this year.

Please Help at the Fair

Pat Riche is still looking for help at the County Fair. She has openings in most areas, especially in registering, setting up, and judging open class houseplants and flowers on Friday. Additional help is also needed to sit in the information booth on Saturday and Sunday in three-hour shifts beginning at 10:00 AM and ending at 10:00 PM. You will receive a ticket for the fair

again this year. Any time you can help Pat will be greatly appreciated.

Pat Needs your Houseplants

Next week, Tuesday July 10th, I will be helping with the State 4-H Plant and Soil Science Day in Wautoma. If any of you have houseplants I can borrow for the day I would appreciate it. I'm looking for Mother-In - Law's Tongue, Spider Plants, or other common plants to make a class of 4. It is best if they are not perfect so the kids can pick out problems. Let me know if you have anything.

Meeting Minutes June 14, 2018

Patty Tomczak-Virnig called the regular meeting of the UW-Extension Waupaca County Master Gardener Association to order at 6:29 pm. The meeting was held outdoors at the Sturgeon Trail along the Wolf River in New London. Eleven members and 5 guests were in attendance. Patty shared "Thank You" notes for our donations to area libraries in Waupaca, Scandinavia, and New London. A "Thank You" note was also received for our donation to the UW System.

Ila introduced our scholarship recipient, Dan Esch, and his mother Carrie. Dan's older brother won our scholarship 2 years ago. Dan spoke about his career goals of becoming a wildlife firefighter and attending FVTC for that degree. He also spoke of his interest and experience in gardening.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes from the June newsletter were approved after the correction of one phone number.

Treasurer's Report

Bridget gave treasurer's report summarizing balance and bills.

Committee Reports:

Membership(Connie/Pat)-no report

Program/Publicity(Joan S./Sue M.)-our next meeting will be held at the New London Children's Garden. It will be our annual potluck.

August Meeting(Sue M.): The date of August 4th was selected as the date for our August meeting to be held at the Green Bay Botanical Garden. A sign up was passed around for carpooling. One carpool will leave

the courthouse at 9am and another from New London. More details to follow. Garden Walk-Sue M spoke about the walk and passed out event bins to those that were volunteering in the gardens. The Waupaca County Post write up was passed around for all to see. It was noted that there were no posters at area garden centers.

Executive Meeting. An executive board meeting is being planned for July or August. **State Rep's Report-** Pat R. handed out flyers for the upcoming fall conference. She also still has name badges for new members. A fair sign-up sheet was passed around seeking volunteers in various areas and dates of the fair. Pat summarized job responsibilities at the fair. The fair starts August 22 and runs through August 26. Patty asked whether the tree the WCMG's planted at the fairgrounds did indeed die. Pat will report at next meeting. Also, Patty asked about our MG display for the fair and the need for volunteers to make up the display. A discussion of topics followed. Some ideas included weed identification and jumping worms education.

Old Business:

Mission of Hope (Jean S)-Jean shared that all planting has been completed and encouraged anyone who felt they could help to come and weed. The opening will be in August with 21 residents.

New London Children's Garden: Rebecca and Jean spoke about the project and are hoping for 15 participants and the need for more volunteers on June 2 from 9:30 am-11:00 am for planting. They also need help during program times to weed, water, help with craft projects, story walk, and lessons. The group will meet every Friday from 9-11am.

Other: The Waupaca Library will be having botanical exhibit and has asked for a Master Gardener to do some presentations.

New Business:

The next Waupaca County Master Gardener class will begin in February of 2019. The deadline for sign up is January 11th and the cost is \$75.00.

Adjournment: Chris Bando moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:19 pm and Tom 2nd.

Bridget shared information about the Sturgeon Trail and how our group helps

support it and its maintenance. She then handed out a trivia game about the Trail that we completed as a group.

Minutes respectfully submitted by:
Deana Hirte-secretary

Leadership Waupaca County:

Would you like to improve your leadership skills? Leadership Waupaca County may be for you. Master Gardeners have budgeted for one person to attend per year. Please contact someone on the WCMG Board if you are interested. The deadline to sign up is July 31, 2018. For more information, please contact UW-Ext Community Development Educator Jessica Beckendorf at 715-258-6230.

Garden Walk/Art Stroll 2018:

What a gorgeous day to visit six wonderful gardens! The Waupaca County Master Gardeners wish to give a special thanks to all of the volunteers that made the day successful. We had at least 80-100 people view each garden with 123 tickets sold.

Notes from the president:

As some of you may know, I've been down in Kennesaw, GA visiting my two daughters Emily & Kelly (Andy) & their children Declan, Aven, Bria & Stevie. Also my "fur-grandkids", both golden-doodles, Finley & Charlie! Had a great time. In addition to visiting family I was able to GPS myself around quite a bit - found Smith Gilbert Gardens and was quite surprised to see how extensive their children's gardens, butterfly gardens & bonsai gardens were. They have over 3000 species of plants, many unique to American gardens. They were an exceptional blend of art, history & horticulture, all creating a tranquil place to visit in the middle of a city. One of their missions was to educate children & adults (sound familiar?). July is their butterfly month and they just build several playhouses for children in the gardens! Of course I couldn't get away without buying some plants!

*Congrats on a successful Garden Walk - for all of you who participated - THANK YOU.

*Looking forward to our July meeting at the New London Children's Garden and our August 4 meeting at Green Bay Botanical Garden

Sally

Be Alert:

By PJ Liesch, Extension Insect Specialist at UW-Madison

The invasive lily leaf beetle has been identified in Shawano County. Waupaca Co. might be the next to detect the LLB insect—something for Master Gardeners to have on their radar!

I recently received some images showing the larvae of the invasive lily leaf beetle causing significant damage to lilies in a residential yard; based on the report, an adult beetle had been spotted earlier in the spring as well. The report was from far western Shawano County (near Wittenberg), about 30 miles east of Wausau.

The lily leaf beetle first popped up in Wisconsin in 2014 (Marathon county) and has since been found in neighboring Lincoln, Wood, and Portage counties; it is originally from Europe but has been in North America since the 1940's. Shawano is the 5th Wisconsin county with a confirmed detection. This pest causes significant damage to true lilies (it doesn't like daylilies) and a few other plants. The Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection developed a bulletin a few years ago: <http://labs.russell.wisc.edu/insectid/files/2014/03/Lily-Leaf-Beetle-Pest-Alert.pdf>. The bulletin discusses the biology and management of this pest.

Monarch Joint Venture

by Jennifer Thieme
Regional Monitoring Coordinator

I am the regional monitoring coordinator for the [Monarch Joint Venture](#), a partnership to conserve monarchs and their habitat. I'm reaching out to Master Gardener programs with an interesting project linking plants and monarchs.

MJV is helping roll out the [Integrated Monarch Monitoring Program](#) (IMMP), which is a national initiative to monitor both monarchs *and* their habitat across the breeding range. The IMMP was developed by a collaboration of federal, NGO, and academic staff, and will:

- Acquire and share information about how habitat conservation actions affect monarchs and their habitat
- Provide geographically and ecologically representative information to update population and habitat models ([view randomized priority sites here](#))
- Track long-term changes in the distribution and abundance of monarchs and their habitats

We are holding a workshop in New London at the Mosquito Hill Nature Center July 21-22 to train conservation staff and citizen scientists in this program. We would like to share the opportunity with Master Gardeners.

Monitoring consists of four optional activities.

Master gardeners have a unique ability to greatly contribute to this effort by identifying nectar resources on survey sites.

At the workshop, you will learn about monarch biology; monarch and milkweed identification; how to survey for nectar resources, milkweed, monarch eggs, larvae and adults; and how to raise monarchs. You can then conduct any of these activities on your monitoring site.

Registration is open for a workshop in New London (July 21-22). \$50 registration covers meals both days and your very own monitoring kit. Space is limited to 30 participants. [Click here](#) for details and to register.

July Birthdays:

7/5 Mark Saunders
7/11 Connie Jess Zolkoske
7/29 Doug Pickar

