



Waupaca County August 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.

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 per adult and \$8 per senior. To sign up, contact Joan Schmitt at 920-982-3860.

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

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

August Meeting:

Saturday August 4:

Meet at the Green Bay Botanical Garden at 10:00 AM in the garden parking lot. The address is 2600 Larsen Road 54303. From Waupaca/New London take Hwy. 54/Mason Street to the east just past NWTC, go left/north on Packerland Drive to Larsen Road and turn left/west to 2600 Larsen Road. If any one does not have a ride, please contact Sue Morack at 920-209-7744 no later than Friday evening, Aug. 3.

September Meeting:

Thursday, September 13

Social/pay dues: 6:00 PM

Program on Heirloom Plants: 6:30 PM

Business Meeting: 7:00 PM

Please come prepared to pay your dues, turn in your hours, and discuss/sign up for committees for next year. Consider being an officer.

August 21 - August 26, 2018: Waupaca County 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.

Master Gardener's July Meeting Minutes

President Sally Marchel Handrich opened the July 12 meeting at 6:15 p.m. at the New London Children's Garden. Fourteen members were in attendance, with 1 guest. There were no corrections to the secretary's June report. Patty motioned to accept the minutes, with a second from Connie. Bridget Kurth gave the treasurer's report.

It was reported that 123 tickets were sold for this year's Garden Walk/Art Stroll. Profits total over \$500.00.

The Executive Board will meet on Tuesday, July 24, at 6:30 in Royalton.

The August meeting will be held at the Botanical Gardens in Green Bay on Saturday, August 4. Members will gather there at 10:00 for a brief monthly meeting. Joan Schmitt is coordinating the event, with specific information forthcoming to members. The admission fee will be covered (members only) by our organization.

Pat Ritchie reminded us of the WMGA Autumn meeting in Eau Claire on Sept. 21-22.

She also informed us that the AHS (Hosta) National Convention will be held in Green Bay on June 12-15, 2019.

Sue Morack has application information for "Leadership Waupaca."

Pat Ritchie is organizing our participation in the Waupaca County Fair. Volunteers are needed. Free admission tickets are available for workers. Please contact Pat if you are able to help out.

Connie commented on the removal of the dead tree at the fair grounds. It will not be replaced in the same location, due to the proximity near the building. Plans for a replacement will be handled in the future.

The Headstart Garden Project has items available, including such things as hand tools, watering cans, etc. Pat Ritchie moved that the items be sold at our upcoming plant

sale. This motion was seconded by Sue Morack.

The Tri-Valley Garden Club has gifted our group with a check in the amount of \$300.00

Tom Sanders reminded the group that the deadline for information for the newsletter is the last Thursday of the month. A notice will be sent to all members.

Sue Morack has County Fair Rules for those wishing to exhibit.

Pat Ritchie has a display that can be used at the County Fair to promote our Master Gardener group.

The president adjourned the meeting at 6:50 p.m.

Submitted by Ila Sanders, acting secretary

President's Report

We had our Executive Board meeting on Tuesday, July 24.

New Member MGVA Training February 2019
New Member Training is this winter again. If you know of anyone who is interested in going through the Master Gardener training, please have them contact Greg Blonde. We will reimburse the tuition again this year for any new member who has been approved by the state, passed & completed the course & have successfully completed their volunteer hours. This dollar amount is approximately \$75.

Member Retention

We will continue to provide our members with opportunities for educational classes, trips and positive reinforcement (as we have done in the past).

We hope to advertise master gardener activities throughout the year with continued Facebook pictures and articles, newspaper publicity etc. We will take a group picture when we go to the Green Bay Botanical Gardens for the newspaper! We welcome your input on membership retention. Thank you.

Should we take December, January or February months off from our regularly scheduled meetings? This was brought up at our Executive Board meeting - another idea on how to make our members life a little easier i.e. not driving in the dark winter months. Several other county MG groups do this. Please think about it and we will vote on this at the September business meeting.

Fall Plant Sale-Sept. 2018

Anyone interested? We know it is pretty short notice but please let us know if anyone is interested in taking lead on this project.

September Business meeting - Sept.13 - Waupaca County Courthouse

Please come prepared:

Pay Dues (\$15.00) - if you pay by check - make check out to WCMGV program

Time Sheets are due as well (remember you can still get hours in by working at the fair, using your Sept. meeting hours, possible educational hours at GB Botanical Garden tour)

Project Approval & Budget Approval Forms will be made available for you to pick up for "your projects"

Committee Sign Up Sheets will be available for you to pick up & return by October

Voting on winter month or months to take off.

August 4 MG meeting & Green Bay Botanical Gardens

We will meet in Waupaca at the Courthouse parking lot at 9am. I have one person riding with me but have room for others - call me if you are interested. Remember our organization is paying for members! How wonderful!



August Birthdays:

8/11 Greg Blonde
8/24 Glenda Rhodes

**Please mark your calendars!
The September newsletter
deadline is Thursday, August
30.**