



Waupaca County April 2019

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.

April Meeting

Crafters from Blessings and Friends
Social: 6:00 PM - 6:30 PM
Program: 6:30 PM - 7:15 PM Gardening
Crafts
Business Meeting: 7:20 PM

2019 Executive Board Members

President: Patty Tomczak-Virning
Vice-President: Deb Krogwold
Secretary: Ila Sanders
Treasurer: Rebecca Weber-Schmoll
Member at Large: Deana Hirte
Member at Large: Jane Wilson
Past President: Sally Marchel-Handrich
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@wisc.edu
(New Email Address)

April Meeting--Crafters from Blessings and Friends for 6:30 PM Program on April 11

We will have an educational presentation by three of the crafters from this Weyauwega gift shop and classroom. Mary Beisner, one of the owners, will be sharing information on fused glass garden stakes and mosaic decorated bricks and stones. Deana Hamel of FELTED 4EWE will bring her examples of felted bird houses. Wooden bird houses will be displayed by Karleen and Ken Wolff of 3gs Wolffpack who also make wooden toys and other woodworking items. Sue Morack was attracted to the bricks/stones that could be covered/decorated with mosaics that we could use in our own gardens or could be sold at our two fundraisers. A follow-up class for the mosaic items could be held at the shop on either May 4 or May 18 if enough gardeners are interested. The cost would be \$10-\$12 per item. Be prepared to sign up for a class during our business meeting.

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March Meeting Minutes

Waupaca Master Gardener's Meeting Notes
March 14, 2019

The March Master Gardener's meeting was called to order by President Patty Tomczak-Virning at 6:30 p.m. Thirteen members were in attendance. The secretary's report was approved (motion: Ila Sanders, second: Sally M-Handrich.) The treasurer's report was approved.

The cost of insurance for the Master Garden's group has increased from \$278.00 in 2018 to \$400.00 in 2019. Following discussion, the group voted to approve

payment through a motion by Pat Ritchie, seconded by Deb Krogwold.

Pat Ritchie gave the State Representative Report. A state meeting is upcoming in April, with the State Annual Meeting to be held in October. There will be no MG State Conference this year; no group has come forth to host the event. Emails have been sent to all members detailing instructions regarding individuals receiving the online state newsletter. Members are required to respond to their email from Wisclist ListManager.

Pat awarded Michelle Oppor membership designation.

Doup Pickar reported on upcoming plans for the Children's Garden in Waupaca. He will be meeting with students and parents/guardians on May 18th at the Park and Recreation Center. Garden meetings will be held on Wednesday mornings during the summer months.

Patty reported on plans for the upcoming plant sale to be held on Sunday, June 2, 2019, 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Intake and pricing will take place on Friday, June 1, from 9:00 to 2:00, with set up on Friday, May 31, at 5:30 p.m. Plants are needed.

Sally reported on plans for the June 22, 2019, Garden Walk. Five gardens will be showcased during the 9 a. m. to 4 p.m. hours. Statewide publicity has been handled by Sally. It was decided by the committee that plants would be available for sale at some of the gardens. Upcoming meetings were scheduled, with the first being a participant meeting on April 16, at 6:30 at the Waupaca Library. Volunteers are needed to host the gardens on June 22, as well as a MG to coordinate this part of the event.

Ila reported that MG scholarship applications are due March 20.

Greg Blonde reported that 10 members are training to become Master Gardeners. Volunteers from among current members have signed up to speak briefly at upcoming classes. Welcome, new members!

The next Executive Board meeting is scheduled for April 4, 2019.

A motion to adjourn was made by Jane Wilson, seconded by Connie Zolkoske. at 7:35 p.m.

Submitted by Ila Sanders, Secretary

Garden Walk/Art Stroll

Committee met last month. We had five gardens at the time however one dropped out. Sally is currently contacting other possible gardens - we hope to have five. Meeting dates have been scheduled - Participant meeting on Tuesday, April 16, 6:30pm Library; Participant & Artists meeting on Tuesday, May 21, Library; Volunteer meeting on Tuesday, June 4, 6:30pm Library.

Deb Krogwold will work on Volunteers for the GW; Ila Sanders will work on the artists for the GW.

The Dane Home has been confirmed for free tours and we will be selling plants in a few locations to generate extra income.

Garden Walk Committee to meet briefly at 5:30pm, April 11, Courthouse.

Note from Beverly Hall

I'm reaching out to see if anyone has heard of people who might be interested in the Waupaca Community Garden Assistant position. We did reach out to the 4 people who didn't receive the Waupaca Farmers Market Manager Position, thinking they might be interested in our job, but 2 have declined and I haven't heard back from the other 2 yet.

We were hoping we could hire someone soon, but I've run out of names to try. This position will be responsible for upkeep in both the gardens at Thedacare and the Chain School. With the funding we have we can only offer limited hours, so that might be a drawback, but that's the limit of our funding. I'm not sure if Thedacare would offer any additional funding for a staffing position—we never approached them with that request.

So, if you know of anyone you can send my way, or a name I could contact, please let me know as soon as possible. I will be out

of town from 3/29-4/2, so will check this week and later next week for responses. Otherwise you could send names onto Jami while I'm out. Thank you!
Bev

April birthdays:

4/12 Faye Wilson
4/18 Patty Tomczak-Virnig

From Greg Blonde

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Here's a list of our 2019 MG trainees. Please add them to your monthly e-news letter list. Also, please note in a future news letter, my email address recently changed to *greg.blonde@wisc.edu*. Thanks.

Rachel Banks	New London	haruko369@gmail.com
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