



# **Waupaca County August 2019**

## **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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**August meeting: Thursday, August 8**

**Potluck meal at 6:00 p.m.  
Location: Rebecca Weber-Schmoll's home**

**Followed by meeting and tour of Rebecca's gardens**

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### **2018 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.  
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**August meeting: Thursday, August 8**

It's potluck time so bring your own beverages, utensils, a dish to pass, and a lawn chair. Potluck meal at 6:00 p.m. followed by meeting and garden tour. The location is WCMGV Rebecca Weber-Schmoll's home at N5350 Collier Road which is west of New London, east of Royalton, and north of Hwy. 54. Fair volunteer sign-up will take place at this meeting. We will be also be signing up to bring ingredients for the Stone Soup to be made at the September meeting.

Ingredients needed for stone soup:  
Broth: chicken or other low sodium broth(at least 2 quarts)

Vegetables, maybe from your gardens all diced: carrots, potatoes, tomatoes, green/yellow beans, peppers, cabbage, onions, peas, summer squash, celery (No beets, please)

Meat: smoked ham hock or 4 cups cubed cooked chicken, optional

Fresh herbs: basil, chives, garlic cloves, salt, pepper, and thyme

Clean stone

Serve with salad croutons and Parmesan cheese or saltines with butter

**September meeting: Thursday, September 12 in the courthouse**

Social-bring stone soup ingredients at 6:00 p.m.

Other events at this Annual business meeting: turn in your hours from September of 2018 through August 2019, sign up for project committees for the 2019-2020 year, plan to pay your dues (\$15) for the 2019-2020 year. We may be tutored on how to enter our hours online for the 2019-2020 year.

### **July Meeting Minutes**

The Waupaca County Master Gardener's Meeting on July 11, 2019, 6:30 p.m. was

held at Deana & Mike Hirte's beautiful home/Garden

President Patty Tomczak-Virnig opened the meeting at 6:00 p.m. ?? members (Sorry, didn't get the number) were in attendance. A motion was made to approve the secretary's report by Barb Nollenberg with a second by Sally Marchel-Handrich. The treasurer's report was read by President Patty Tomczak-Virnig.

Pat Ritchie reminded everyone of the opportunities available for participation in the Waupaca County Fair. She is still looking for ideas for an educational display. Please contact Pat with ideas and also to sign up for work shifts at this year's fair, August 21-25, 2019. A sign-up sheet was passed around Pat Ritchie also encouraged everyone to plan on attending the September meeting. Dana from the UW-Extension will be at the meeting to demonstrate how to use the new on-line hours reporting system that we will be using for the 2019-2020 reporting period.

Sally Marchel-Handrich expressed congratulations to Pat Ritchie for being selected as a judge for the American Hosta Society Conference that was held in Green Bay in June. Sally also expressed appreciation to the following for their support and promotion of our garden walk: WDUX, Picture Post & Rob Zimmer.

Garden Walk updated from Sally M-H – Very successful event, sold all tickets and the plant sale at the gardens went over very well. They will consider doing this in the future.

Program/project updates:: The New London Children's Garden had 12 – 16 youth participate in the past 2 programs. We had frogs visit with us one week and had Scarecrow Pete's birthday party this morning. We have a very good group of kids and some great parents/grandparents that stay and help each day!

Bridget Kurth could use some help at the Sturgeon Trail & Franklin Park projects. If you are available and would like to help, please contact Bridget.

Connie Z also mentioned that we could use some help at the Fairground gardens. There is one by the old office building (west side) and one on the north side of the Education building. If you are available to help

weed/plant, please contact Connie Z. or Faye Wilson.

Under new business, Sue Morack asked if there was any interest in the WCMGV's entering a float in the July 4<sup>th</sup> parade. There was some discussion, but we will address further at a future meeting. Sue also provided the 2019 Waupaca County Fair book and noted that if you are interested in entering in the open class, registration is due July 24, 2019. (Article will be provided in newsletter???)

Future programs – Sue M discussed option for November meeting. October meeting will be Heirloom Plants.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 by a motion by Connie Z., seconded by Joan S. Submitted by Jean Skewes substitute secretary

### **Waupaca County Fair Information**

The Waupaca County Fair is coming in August. The dates are August 21 through August 25. Open class (for adults and/or children not in a youth organization, such as 4-H), is offering entries in the following categories: dairy, beef, swine, sheep, goats, poultry, rabbits, plants and soil, flowers and house plants, natural sciences, cultural arts, photography, woodworking, food and nutrition (includes baking and gift baskets), clothing, knitting and crocheting, and home furnishings. There is an updated Fair Book for 2019-2020. For more information or get an application, go to [www.waupacacountyfair.org](http://www.waupacacountyfair.org) or call 715-281-3822. Note: fair entry by computer is a new option this year. The Exhibitor Coordinator can be reached at [WCFexhibitorcoordinator@gmail.com](mailto:WCFexhibitorcoordinator@gmail.com). The deadline for open class entries is on or before *July 24, 2019*.

### **Happy Birthday to:**

Sorry folks but Connie and I did not connect for the August birthdays. Next month I will include August and September.