



# *Waupaca County September 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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### **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.  
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### **September 12:**

The meeting is at the courthouse at 6 PM: social followed by Stone Soup and Business Meeting.

### **October 10**

The meeting is at the courthouse at 6 PM: Social followed by business meeting and/or ORS Training (Basic Hours Reporting)

### **August Meeting Minutes**

The Waupaca County Master Gardener's Meeting on August 8, 2019, 6:00 p.m. was held at WCMGV Rebecca Weber-Schmoll's beautiful home and gardens.

President Patty Tomczak-Virning opened the meeting at 6:45 p.m. after members partook in the potluck dinner. There were 17 members in attendance. Motion by Barb Nollenberg, second by Pat Ritchie, to approve the July meeting minutes. Motion carried.

Pat Ritchie reported on the following: Ila Sanders and Pat Ritchie will be setting up the WCMGV booth at the Fair. The theme this year will be 'Container Gardening'. Pat R. asked members for handout materials they may have sent to her.

The Fair is a great opportunity for volunteer hours. A sign-up sheet for various shifts was sent around. Volunteers receive free admittance to the Fair. Contact Pat R. if you need a badge. 2019 volunteer hours are due at the September meeting. Please bring your completed sheet.

Dues for year 2020 will be due at the September meeting. Dues is \$15.

The treasurer's report was presented by Rebecca Weber-Schmoll.

Connie Z. shared information regarding the importance of reporting volunteer hours. Travel time to and from meetings, projects, etc. should be included. Travel time to and from seminars or other 'educational' opportunities is not eligible, but time in the seminars is. Any questions regarding volunteer hours can be directed to either Connie Z. or Pat R.

Joan S. reported on the New London Children's Garden. There are 18 children enrolled. The last day of the garden is Thursday, August 22.

Patty T-V. presented an overview of a proposed new project: Riverside Hospital Garden. This project was presented to the Executive Board in July by new member, Erica Weingarten. Additional information will be given to the Board as it becomes available.

Under old business, Patty T-V. asked for approval to register for the 2020 Waupaca Home Show. Motion by Sally M-H., second by Deana H., to pay entrance fee and register for the Home Show 2020. Motion carried.

New Business:

### **Leadership Waupaca.**

Due to limited funds, the Board decided not to fund this program for 2020. Connie stated that this should not discourage any member from applying. There are other organizations and businesses that might help with registration fees.

### **Patty T-V.**

Patty reported on a new program offered by the State: Super Star training.

- Patty T-V. provided historical background on the WCMGV organization. Charter members are Connie Z. and Pat R., starting in 1994. WCMG celebrates

25 years! Suggested that this be a highlight of the 2020 Home Show. Sally suggested that signage be updated, possibly stating 'Celebrating MG since 1994'.

- Patty T-V. presented an idea to have a float for various events throughout the year and opened discussion for themes.
- Sally M-H. asked members to think of additional publicity opportunities.
- Deana presented information regarding ordering MG apparel. An order form was sent around.
- 2020 Spring Plant Sale will be June 7, 2020.
- 2020 Garden Walk & Art Stroll will be June 27, 2020.
- Training will be held at the October membership meeting to enter volunteer hour online.

Patty T-V. presented the story behind 'Stone Soup' and passed around the sign-up sheet for ingredients. Stone Soup will be prepared at the September meeting social.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:34 p.m. with a motion by Pat R., seconded by Connie Z. Motion carried.

Rebecca W-S. gave a guided tour of her beautiful gardens following the meeting.

Respectfully submitted by Debbie Krogwold (substitute secretary)

### **From Pat Ritche**

Any Master Gardener who got a volunteer badge from me or at Fay's home and didn't return it to me or the box, please bring it to the meeting or get it back to me before September 22, because I have to turn them into the fair board.

Thank-you to all the Master Gardeners who helped out in any way at the fair. All of your help made the work go a lot better. Whether your help with in the Junior

Fair building in the receiving and judging of vegetables and houseplants and flowers. I'm sure you made it a lot easier to get the things in and judged.. Thank you so much for stepping up and helping with open class houseplants and flowers on Friday. That was a looong day. Thanks to Ila for putting together the wonderful and informative booth. When I was in the booth, there seemed to be interest in container gardening. Thank-you to all of you who took shifts in sitting in the booth and keeping a eye on the open class flowers and helping out down in that building on Sunday night. Also congratulations to all the members who exhibited at the fair and came home with Grand and Reserve Champ[ions. This a wonderful representation of what our organization can do.

## **HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

September Birthdays:  
9/15 Erica Weingarten  
9/22 Debbie Krogwold

We missed birthdays in the August  
Newsletter  
8/11 Greg Blonde