



Waupaca County April 2020

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.

Next Meeting April 9th:

Membership meeting is cancelled.

2020 Executive Board Members:

President: Debbie Krogwold
Vice-President: Carrie Esch
Secretary: Nancy Sonnenberg
Treasurer: Rebecca Weber-Schmoll
Member at Large: Deana Hirte
Member at Large: Jane Wilson
Past President: Patty Tomczak-Virnig
State Board Rep: Pat Ritchie
UWEX Advisor: Greg Blonde

Due to the COVID-19 virus outbreak & guidelines from Wisconsin Department of Health Services, UW-Madison, and federal agencies, all upcoming meetings are cancel until the outbreak is under control and restrictions have been lifted.

Continue to stay active and healthy!

Thursday, April 6th

Executive Meeting is cancelled.

Thursday, May 14th

Membership Meeting is cancelled.

Upcoming 2020 Project Dates

Spring Plant Sale: Cancelled

Garden Walk/Art Stroll: Cancelled

Cancelled Projects through May

Budwit/Burkarma Garden
Fairgrounds Gardens
Head Start Children's Garden
New London Children's Garden
New London Franklin Park Gardens
Most Precious Blood Church Garden
Mission of Hope - New London
Petals of Honor - Veterans Home in King
Theda Clark/Riverside School/Community Garden
Waupaca Children's Garden

WCMGV Meeting Minutes

Thursday March 12, 2020:
Submitted by Ila Sanders (THANK YOU!)

President Debbie Krogwold called the March meeting together at 6:30 p. m. We welcomed one guest. The December 12 meeting minutes were approved with a motion by Sally M-H, seconded by Pat R.

Pat informed us of the State Conference to be held Sept.11-12. A motion to approve a \$50.00 donation from the WCMGV was made by Joan S., seconded by Doug P. Pat awarded certificates detailing hours of service to several members. Year notations for name tags were also distributed.

The treasurer's report was given by Rebecca W-S. The budget for 2020 was presented, along with a comparison of the 2019 budget. Pat R. moved that a \$500.00 amount be added to the 2020 budget for this year's student scholarship, seconded by Jane W.

Ila Sanders addressed the current scholarship deadline, encouraging members to help promote the due date of March 30, 2020. (Note: at this writing, the deadline may need to be updated due to school closings.)

Debbie K. and Virginia M. reported on the completion of the audit for 2019.

Pat R. indicated that the By Laws and Standard Operating Procedures may be affected by the changes on the state level.

Sally M-H reported on the membership committee. We currently have 29 members. Sally will follow up with membership scholarship awards to the new members.

Carrie E. and Patty T-V will chair the Program/Publicity/Promotion committee for 2020. Various ideas were offered for upcoming meetings.

Debbie K. reported on the Plant Sale Committee: publicity, labels, etc. are being addressed. The educational display will cover the topic of jumping worms. More details will follow.

Sally M-H, as chairperson of the Garden Walk Committee, reported that 6 gardens in the Waupaca/Fremont area will be showcased. It was decided that plants would again be sold at the Red Mill and St. Mary Magdalene's Church, two of this years' gardens. Upcoming meetings are April 22, May 20 and June 10 for the respective groups involved.

An update on the Waupaca Children's Garden was given by Doug P. An impressive mission statement was read, and upcoming dates were detailed. Doug has worked with the Park and Rec Department, promoting the project through their spring booklet. Plans are to begin meeting on May 16.

Rebecca W-S reported that the New London Children's Garden will hold its monthly meetings on Thursdays at Pfeifer Park with a maximum of 16 students participating.

Invitations from both the Waupaca Library and Turner's Farm Market (to provide educational presentations before the Spring Plant Sale related to gardening) were discussed. The consensus of the group was to not become involved at this time due to the busy schedule with the Plant Sale and Garden Walk.

The Waupaca Library also invited WCMGV to participate in the May 14 program at South Park, "Imagine your Summer." We currently plan to hold our May meeting at that site in connection with the event. However, due to the current outbreak of the Corona virus, upcoming meetings and events may be cancelled since the MG program is a part of the UW system. Greg B. will keep the group informed.

The group thanked Greg B. for his years of service as he announced that he will be retiring as of June 5.

Pat R. motioned to adjourn the meeting, with a second by Joan S.

Plant Sale Update (FALL)

It was a difficult decision to cancel the Spring Plant Sale, but given the current status of the pandemic, it was the right decision. Fortunately, though, the Education building at the Fairgrounds was available in September for a Fall Plant Sale, so I reserved the building for **Saturday, September 19**. This will give us something positive and FUN to look forward to in the upcoming months!

With that in mind, as you tend to your gardens this Spring, look at what plants you could divide and put in pots that would do well over the summer. Or you could plant back into the ground after dividing, leaving enough room to dig up the entire plant for the Fall sale. Also, remember, the Fall is a good time to dig and divide irises and tender bulbs/tubers/rhizomes. Take photos of the blossoms. Pictures always boost sales!

We have a lot of time to plan and prepare for the Fall Plant Sale! I am grateful for this time.

P.S. Jumping worms . . . be on the lookout for these critters as you are digging. If you find any, please do not bring plants to the sale in order to prevent spreading. Visit the DNR website for more info:
<https://dnr.wi.gov/topic/Invasives/fact/jumpingWorm/index.html>

Plants Needed at the Fall Plant Sale

Annuals
Bulbs & Rhizomes
Herbs
Houseplants
Cacti & Succulents
Hostas
Seeds
Shrubs
Vegetable Plants
Trees
Vines
Ground covers
Native grasses
Ferns
Any Prairie or woodland plants
Hanging Baskets
Perennials - old favorites, unusual specimens

Other Donation Suggestions

Garden tools
Flower pots
Garden structures
Gardening books - new & used
Gardening magazines
Bird houses and feeders
Posters related to gardening
Garden crafts

Examples of Popular Perennials

(But please, **do not limit** yourself to just these!)

Hemerocallis (Daylilies)
Coreopsis (Tickseed)
Dicentra (Bleeding Heart)
Heuchera (Coral Bells)
Hosta (Hosta, Plantain-lily)
Ornamental Grasses
Perovskia (Russian Sage)
Salvia (Perennial Salvia)
Paeonia (Peonies)
Lavendula (Lavender)
Sedum (Stonecrop)
Leucanthemum (Shasta Daisy)
Rudbeckia (Black-eyed Susan)
Rudbeckia triloba (Brown-eyed Susan)
Astilbe (Astilbe)
Delphinium (Delphinium)
Echinacea (Coneflower)
Phlox (Tall Garden Phlox)

'Don't Bring' List for Plant Sales

Thank you for respecting this "Don't Bring" List

Forbs:

Bouncing Bet or Soapwort (*Saponaria officinalis*)
Creeping Bellflower (*Campanula rapunculoides*)
Crown Vetch (*Coronilla varia*)
Dame's Rocket (*Hesperis matronalis*)
Flowering Rush (*Butomus umbellatus*)
Goutweed (*Aegopodium podagraria*)
Japanese Knotweed (*Polygonum cuspidatum*)
Lily-of-the-Valley (*Convallaria majalis*)
Orange Daylily (*Hemerocallis fulva*)
Oxeye Daisy (*Chrysanthemum leucanthemum*)
Purple Loosestrife (*Lythrum salicaria*)
Ribbon Grass (*Phalaris arundinacea*)
Tansy (*Tanacetum vulgare*)
Yellow Garden Loosestrife (*Lysimachia vulgaris*)
Yellow or Water-flag Iris (*Iris pseudacorus*)

Vines:

English Ivy (*Hedera helix*)
Oriental Bittersweet (*Calatrpa orbiculatus*)
Periwinkle or Myrtle (*Vinca minor*)
Wintercreeper or Climbing Euonymus (*Euonymus fortunei*)

Shrubs:

Burning Bush (*Euonymus alatus*)
Honeysuckles (*Lonicera sp.*)
Japanese Barberry (*Berberis thunbergii*)
Multiflora Rose (*Rosa multiflora*)
Privet (*Ligustrum vulgare*)

All plants brought to the plant sale must be identified. If you can't identify it, it may be on this "Don't Bring" list, so don't bring it. This is especially important!

A Note from Debbie . . .

Writing this, my first thoughts to you as your new president, brought me to thinking about one of my visits to a second grade classroom to talk about recycling. When I entered the classroom, the teacher asked his students, "What are you grateful for today?" I was so touched by that. He said that he asks that question every day to help them focus on the positive. I now ask myself every night before sleep, "What, today, were you grateful for?" It has a way of centering you, of reminding you what is important in this life.

I am grateful for all of you today. For the work you have done and for what we will do tomorrow and into the future to help others experience the joy of gardening, the joy of nature's solitude.

I heard my first red-winged blackbird the other day. What a wonderful song letting me know Spring is here! The feel of a warm breeze, the smell of damp earth, the sun beckoning you outdoors; all of this I am grateful for.

As we start to venture into our gardens in the coming weeks to clean away debris making way for new growth and planning our vegetable gardens, remember those who may have it a bit more difficult this year to make ends meet. Perhaps include in your garden a few more rows of vegetables or a couple extra tomato and pepper plants to help out our local food pantries or a neighbor of yours in need. Our gardens are our gift, our way in which we can be of help in this difficult time.

I am grateful for what I have and for what I can give to others.

My warmest regards,
Debbie

Happy Birthday

April Birthdays:

April 12 Faye Wilson

April 18 Patty Tomczak-Virnig



You have a birthday, but it's not listed???
Please let us know if we missed you!