



Waupaca County July 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 September 10th:

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: TBD
UWEX Program Assistant: Amy Ebert

Pandemic Restrictions: 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.

Please continue to stay home, be safe, and enjoy your gardens.

Membership Meetings

In-person Membership Meeting are cancelled until further notice.

Reporting Deadline for Volunteer Hours Extended to December 31

Your deadline to report hours moves from September 30 to December 31 and will include volunteer hours accumulated since October 1, 2019. You may continue to report less than 24 hours for volunteer activities this year; however, 10 hours of continuing education is still required. Reporting is to be done through the online reporting system. If you need assistance in using the online system, please contact Amy Ebert, UW-Madison Extension Waupaca County Program Assistant, at amy.ebert@wisc.edu or 715-258-6331.

If you need additional continuing education hours, the list of Approved Media Resources is **attached**. There are many opportunities available to meet your reporting requirement.

Waupaca County MGV Dues for 2021

There may be a change in the dues for 2021 given no activity for 2020. The Executive Board will be meeting to discuss dues options. More information to follow.

2021 Committees & Projects

Attached you will find the Committees & Projects List for 2020. I am proposing to carry this list over to 2021 with the same Chairs and volunteers. If you no longer wish to serve on the committee/project you signed up for or would like to volunteer on another committee/project for 2021, please let me know. I will make the changes. PLEASE NOTE: We need a Co-Chair for the Spring Plant Sale; a Chair for the Program/Publicity/Home Show Committee; and a Chair for the Theda Clark/Riverside School/Community Garden Projects (Hours Only) – all highlighted in **YELLOW** on the list.

Election of Officers for 2021

Given the minimal activity our organization has had this year due to the pandemic, your President (Debbie Krogwold), Vice-President (Carrie Esch), and Secretary (Nancy Sonnenberg) have agreed to continue in their roles into 2021. Our Treasurer (Rebecca Weber-Schmoll) is currently serving her second year in that position and is not able to continue into 2021 due to family commitments. Thank you, Rebecca, for your time and the wonderful job you did for our organization as Treasurer. We will need a Treasurer for 2021. The nomination process is currently open. If you wish to run for Treasurer or any of the other offices, please contact Connie Zolkowske by October 8 when nominations close. Election of officers will take place in November. More information as to how this election will take place will follow at a later date.

A Note from Rebecca...

I love being outdoors and visit my garden and flowerbeds every day that I can. Actually the garden is my husband's endeavor, as the weeds will attest. But that is another story. This has been an interesting summer for gardening with successes and failures.

One success was the two packages of zinnia seeds that I planted as a birthday gift to fellow M.G. Connie. She enjoys picking the flowers for bouquets in her house and to share with her mother. I enjoy seeing all the butterflies visiting the brightly colored blooms.

I also have a funny accidental success story. Sometime early this spring a vining plant seeded itself next to the large overflow compost pile. All summer this vine grew by itself with no gardening help. The vine climbed up the tree that is next to the compost pile. It continued to grow in the treetop. At some point it grew off the tip of the branch and started growing downward. Large yellow blossom appeared in the treetop. Now I see medium size green pumpkins hanging in the tree! Not sure how those pumpkins will be picked to turn them into jack-o-lanterns.

Every year I plant a row or two of sunflowers. Those bright yellow blossoms are so cheerful looking in the garden. In the Fall I harvest the seed heads for winter-feeding of the birds. Most years the birds and squirrels beat me to the harvest. Now each late Fall the sunflowers cause a bit of distress for the husband when he begins the end of the...

growing season garden cleanup. He totally hates having to pull/hank/dig out the root balls from those sunflower plants. Well, not a problem this year. This year my sunflower crop is just a row of brown sticks sticking up in the ground. The deer mowed those plants down too many times for the plants to continue growing. Who would think that deer would find sunflowers to be so delicious? Oh well, there is always next year, Rebecca.

Membership Memorial:

One of our wonderful charter members Gloria (Glo) Gruer passed away peacefully on August 20, 2020, just 12 days shy of her 96th birthday.



Happy Birthday

July Birthdays:

9/15 Erica Weingarten

9/22 Debbie Krogwold

Happy Birthday!! It's Celebration Time!!



A Note from Debbie . . .

Hard to believe it is the beginning of September. We have not seen each other since February! I have spoken with many of you over the phone, but it just isn't the same. I do hope that you have been able to take pleasure and find much needed peace in your gardens and in whatever hobby is near and dear to your heart. Not only having to deal with the isolation due to the pandemic, but now as we get closer to Nov 3, all the political backlash. I pray every day for peace, for kindness, for a kind and gentle smile. I recently put a sign in my yard: 'Be the Light of Unity / Love thy Neighbor. It gives me a sense of calm and hope for the future. Meanwhile, I harvest tomatoes, cucumbers and beans daily and spread the bounty. I love this time of year! Take care, be well, be safe! Debbie



Beauty along the Ice Age Trail.