



# *Waupaca County November 2020 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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### **Next Meeting November 12<sup>th</sup>:**

Membership meeting is cancelled.

[Watch for an e-mail regarding election of officers and approval of the 2021 budget that will be sent out mid-November. Voting will be by e-mail.](#)

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### **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

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### **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**

The deadline to report your volunteer hours accumulated for the period of October 1, 2019 through December 31, 2020 is December 31. The minimum 24 hours of support activities has been waived due to COVID. HOWEVER, the **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, by email at [amy.ebert@wisc.edu](mailto:amy.ebert@wisc.edu) or phone (715) 258-6331.

Please see the attached list of Approved Media Resources for **continuing education** opportunities.

## **Waupaca County MGV Dues for 2021**

The Waupaca County MGV chapter will pay the dues for its members for 2021. Thank you all for persevering! We look forward to a great 2021, especially when we can meet in person once again.  
**Keep your chin up, your smile wide, and your eyes agleam!**

## **2021 Committees & Projects - Update**

We are still in need of the following: Co-Chair for the Spring Plant Sale; Chair for the Program/Publicity/Home Show Committee; and Chair for the Theda Clark/Riverside School/Community Garden Projects (Hours Only).

The New London Franklin Park Gardens Project was removed from our list as the work will be done by city park staff.

## **Memorial Moment**

We recently lost one of our Master Gardener alumni, Heidi Jacobson. Heidi passed away on October 9 at the young age of 59 years. She was a Master Gardener from 2009 to 2013. Heidi was a very involved member. She was vice-president in 2011 and became president in 2012. Heidi also chaired the spring plant sale. She was a very creative and fun loving person, as evidenced by her planning of our M.G. Christmas parties. She was the mastermind behind our fashion show at the Christmas party. Many members decked themselves in the most hilarious garden themed get-ups. She also displayed her creativity by planning an all-white Christmas themed party. Her obituary is posted on Lewin Funeral Home of Fremont.

Courtesy of Rebecca Schmoll

## **Proposed Slate of 2021 WCMGV Officers**

Here is the proposed slate of officers for 2021: **President** – Debbie Krogwold; **Vice-President** – Carrie Esch; **Secretary** – Nancy Sonnenberg; **Treasurer** – Virginia Morgan. Voting will be by e-mail as we cannot yet meet in person. Please watch for an e-mail regarding this election to come to you soon! Thank you to Debbie, Carrie and Nancy for agreeing to continue into 2021, hoping for a more 'normal volunteering year' and to Virginia for accepting the nomination for Treasurer.

## **A note from Ila**

Life, as many of you know, sometimes takes us down surprising paths. Tom was diagnosed with a brain tumor in September. Surgery was at UW Health in Madison. The tumor was benign: we are beyond thankful! It has been quite a journey, but with rehabilitation, Tom is determined to return to his "old" self. His determination is amazing! We have been blessed beyond measure with the support of many.

It is good to hear a success story, however scary for us, during this unwanted Covid time.

Stay well, fellow gardeners,  
Ila Sanders

## **A note from Debbie**

As we near the end of 2020, we know this will be a year we will all remember. I know for me it is important to focus on what this time has enabled me to do that which was positive, that gave me joy and peace, and that brought a smile to others. I am looking forward to next year, to meeting in person at some point, to our Plant Sale (yes! I am hopeful!), to our Garden Walk & Art Stroll (Sally is presently checking with possible gardens), and to all of us getting out and working the projects we so dearly love. I wish you all a wonderful Thanksgiving! Please be safe, distanced and masked. Hope you all are enjoying our Indian Summer! All the best!  
Debbie

## **Happy Birthday**

### **November Birthdays:**

Jean Skewes 11/12  
Deana Hirte 11/19  
Virginia Morgan 11/19  
Amy Madison 11/26

Happy Birthday!! It's Celebration Time!!

