



Waupaca County December 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 December 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 the Holiday Season.

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. [Online Reporting System – Master Gardener Program \(wimastergardener.org\)](http://wimastergardener.org)

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 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. It's looking like all of our current members will be with us again in 2021!

2021 Committees & Projects - Update

Sue Morack has graciously stepped up to chair the Program/Publicity/Home Show Committee. Thank you Sue! Sue stated that the radio station plans to hold a Home Show in 2021. She is waiting on details regarding the date and cost should we decide to reserve a booth.

The ThedaClark/Riverside School/Community Garden Projects Committee is still in need of a coordinator.

Nominees for 2021 WCMGV Officers & Executive Board Members

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A motion has been made by Connie Zolkowske, seconded by Joan Schmitt, to approve the above slate of officers and executive board members for 2021.

Voting for 2021 officers and members of the executive board

Members have received a ballot via e-mail or post office to vote on this slate of officers and board members. A "YES" or "NO" vote is to be sent to Connie Zolkowske by December 14, 2020 by email at sewhappyjess@charter.net or call 920-982-3388.

2021 Annual Budget

The 2021 Budget will be the same as 2020, with the exception of the removal of Franklin Park, as this will no longer be a project for our group.

A note from Debbie

Well, here we are at the end of 2020, the new year just a few weeks away! I stood outside today with my face lifted high and eyes closed taking in the warmth of the winter sun. How gloriously uplifting that felt. I am so grateful for today, and the many tomorrows that are on the horizon and for knowing we will all meet sometime soon. And until that time we can meet in person, I have accepted a challenge to myself to host a virtual meeting for our group sometime early next year. Should be an exciting and nail-biting next few weeks. :)

In the meantime, I wish all of you a very warm, safe, happy Holiday season!

All the best,
Debbie

P.S. One of my favorite recipes for the season.

Sweet Potato Casserole

Filling

4 T unsalted butter, melted
3 cups mashed sweet potatoes
½ cup milk
¼ cup brown sugar, packed
1 tsp pure vanilla extract
½ tsp kosher salt
1 large egg

Topping

½ cup flour
½ cup brown sugar, packed
4 T unsalted butter, melted
¼ tsp kosher salt
¾ cup chopped pecans

Directions: Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Butter 2-quart baking dish. Filling: Whisk together butter, mashed sweet potatoes, milk, brown sugar, vanilla, salt and eggs in a large bowl. Transfer to buttered baking dish. Topping: Combine flour, brown sugar, butter and salt in medium brown until moist and the mixture clumps together. Stir in the pecans and spread over the top of the sweet potatoes in an even layer. Bake until mostly set in the center and golden on top, about 25 to 30 minutes. Serve hot.

Note: If you double the recipe for the filling, I have found that the topping recipe is sufficient. You don't need to double the topping recipe.

🎄 **MERRY CHRISTMAS** 🎄
EVERYONE



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Happy Birthday

No December Birthdays.