



Waupaca County April 2021

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 7th:

Virtual Zoom Membership meeting

2021 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, in person meetings are cancel until the outbreak is under control and restrictions have been lifted. Please continue to stay home and be safe.

Membership Meetings

April 7th: 6:30 virtual via Zoom

May 12th: 6:30 virtual via Zoom

Please watch your e-mail for the Meeting Invitation to be sent by Debbie, who will co-host the meeting with Carrie Esch. If you have a specific item you would like on the agenda, please send the information to Debbie at wdkrogwold@wi-net.com or call 715-677-4974. Looking forward to seeing everyone's smiling face! :-)

March 11 Meeting Minutes (ZOOM):

The meeting was opened by President Deb Krogwold at 6:38 p.m.

Deb provided a Covid update: The University of WI is not currently approving large gatherings, but does approve outside gatherings of 10 or less persons, with masks.

A complete State Representative report will be found in the upcoming newsletter. March 31 is the date for annual enrollment. Pat Ritchie indicated the Waupaca County Fair is currently scheduled for 2021.

The treasurer's report was given by Rebecca. A motion for acceptance was made by Carrie Esch seconded by Sally. Marchel-Handrich. The 2020 Budget Summary was displayed on the screen, as was the 2021 Proposed Budget. Discussion followed, with a motion for approval of the new budget made by Ila Sanders, seconded by Carrie.

March 11 Meeting Minutes (ZOOM):

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Ila reported for the education committee that Jacob Scheller met requirements for the 2020 education scholarship and received the monetary award in February. Scholarship application information has been sent out for 2021 with March 31 set for this year's application deadline.

The plant sale is scheduled for June 6, 2021. Sue Morack displayed related new signage. UW Extension input will be requested for current Covid restrictions for this project.

Doug Pickar reported on his current plans for the Waupaca Children's Garden. A planning meeting has been set for May 5 at the Park and Recreation Dept. Doug will email committee members details. The program, scheduled for May through August, is dependent on UW Extension approval. Jean Skewes will be working with committee members on the New London Children's Garden.

Sally reported on current plans for the June 26 Garden Walk. Three locations are currently confirmed, with 2 others pending. Sally will be contacting the UW Extension for regulations regarding this project.

Members are anxiously awaiting current information from the UW Extension office regarding Covid.

It was decided that our next monthly meeting will be April 7, 6:30 p.m. to accommodate member's current schedules.

A motion was made to adjourn by Carrie and seconded by Connie Zolkoske. The meeting adjourned at 7:51 p.m.

Garden Walk/Art Stroll 2021

After much consideration, I have decided to cancel the Garden Walk/Art Stroll for 2021. Not having heard back from Madison (Mike Maddox), I feel that we should cancel for this year because there have been no clear directions regarding Covid regulations etc. Also, I am unable to take on this project at this time. However, after talking to each of the six gardens, they are more than willing to be on tour in 2022. So, if anyone wants to "step up" to take over the Garden Walk/Art Stroll project for 2022, I certainly can help show you all that is necessary. We have a three-ring binder that we have tried to keep current on just "How to get started and work toward another successful Garden Walk/Art Stroll". Also having six established gardens for next year is a huge step already done!

On a personal note, I will be retiring from the Waupaca Master Gardener program. I had planned on last year being my last year but Covid "hit the fan" so having said that, I will finish out this year and help make our Spring Plant Sale another success. Being a Waupaca County Master Gardener has been one of the most enjoyable things I have ever done and am so so proud of all of our accomplishments.

Thank you,
Sally Marchel Handrich

Spring Plant Sale – June 6, 2021

We will be able to hold our plant sale this Spring under the following conditions:

- Our Association cannot be affiliated with UWEX. We cannot use UWEX or Master Gardener logos in any of our outreach.
- We cannot record and submit any hours associated with the event, including digging, potting, and working the event. This should not be a concern to anyone as the 24 volunteer hours required for certification is waived again for this year. Only the 10 hours of continuing education is required.
- We will be following the Waupaca County Health Dept. COVID guidelines which are less restrictive as to the number of people allowed indoors at any one time.

The above is all do-able, however, there is another matter of greater concern: participation by all of our members in this, our only fundraiser. We currently have 27 members. The greatest majority of the plants at the sale are from our gardens. I need to know that we will have **enough plants and 'bodies'** to have a successful sale. Therefore, I am asking everyone to let me **know by April 17:**

- If you can bring plants and what they are and approximate number;
- If you are available to volunteer;
 - Friday, June 4, evening setup
 - Saturday, June 5, plant intake, morning or afternoon
 - Sunday, June 6, plant sale, morning or afternoon

Our Spring Plant Sale is always such a fun time! I do hope all of you will be able to be a part of this! More details as to potting and labeling will follow once I know it is go!

Thank you!

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Happy Birthday

April Birthdays:

4/12 Faye Wilson
4/18 Patty Tomczak Virnig

