



Waupaca County July 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 July 9th:

Membership meeting is cancelled.

2020 Executive Board Members:

President: Debbie Krogwold
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UWEX Program Assistant: Amy Ebert

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.

Thursday, July 9th

Membership Meeting is cancelled.

Thursday, August 13th

Membership Meeting is TBD.

WCMGV Projects

All volunteer activities outside of the home are prohibited through May (and to anticipate longer). Until directed otherwise, all of our outside support services/activities continue to be suspended.

<https://wimastergardener.org/2020/03/20/halt-to-master-gardener-program-volunteer-activities-2/>

Waupaca County Fair Update for WCMGV

As of July 2, the Waupaca County Fair is still scheduled to take place. However, at this time, we, as Wisconsin Master Gardeners, cannot participate due to the restriction on indoor activities that involve person-to-person contact. We are following the updates issued by WIMGA regarding COVID-19. Should this restriction be lifted in time for the Fair, and if you are interested in volunteering, please let Pat Ritchie know so that she has a list of contacts ready to go.

We Can Resume Some Outdoor Activities . . .

WIMGA issued new guidance June 10 regarding additional approved activities in this time of COVID-19. You can find this information online at:

<https://wimastergardener.org/2020/03/20/halt-to-master-gardener-program-volunteer-activities-2/>

Approved Outdoor Gardening

Activities:

An approval form must be completed, submitted, and approved prior to engaging in gardening activities.

- Many host organizations (botanical gardens, county and municipal parks, not for profits, health care facilities, etc.) provide the oversight of these gardening activities. Confer with those organizations on additional restrictions that may be in place before resuming activities. Keep in mind bathrooms and tool access may be off limits. This information will be critical for filling out the form.
- Once the form is completed, please work with your county staff to forward the form to the Area Extension Director for approval. If you do not have a staff person available in your county, please send to mike.maddox@wisc.edu to initiate the approval process.

MG Project Approval Form COVID19

After clicking on link, please download the PDF to your computer to properly fill out, save, and send the form.

MG Project Contact Sheet

The Project Contact Sheet is a Google Document template to use to ensure required communication, staggering shifts, and contact lists. When clicking on the link, you will be prompted to make your own copy of the document to customize. Sharing instructions are at the end of that document.

NOTE: Only the Chairs of the garden projects need to submit the approval form. If you have questions on the form or need assistance, please let me know. The projects we will be able to resume once the form is approved are:

- **Budwit-Burkarma Gardener**
- **Fairgrounds Gardens**
- **New London Franklin Park Gardener**
- **Most Precious Blood Church Garden (New London)**
- **Mission of Hope Garden (New London)**
- **Petals of Honor Garden (King Veteran Home)**

All other projects, as they involve in-person contact, are not approved at this time.

A Note from Debbie . . .

We would now have had our plant sale, our garden walk, and be in the midst of our children garden activities and community garden projects if this were a 'normal' time, Unfortunately it is not. But I hope you are all reveling in the beauty and abundance of your own gardens. Gardeners are special people! They are resilient in stressful times as the plants they tend, they are cheerful with smiles, just as sunflowers show their face to the sun, and they are patient and know when to take hold of opportunity, just as a seed when all is right to sprout, take hold and grow. We could look at this time as a respite, a time to gather and store energy, a time to ponder and plan next year's activities, and a time to reflect on our past and present and be grateful for all. Thank you for being the wonderful people you are, the dedication you have to gardening and the joy it brings too many! We will get through this time. *Next year will be fantastic!*

Happy Birthday

July Birthdays:

7/3 Nancy Sonnenberg
7/11 Connie Jess Zolkoske
7/29 Doug Pickar



You have a birthday, but it's not listed???
Please let us know if we've missed yours.