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Meeting Schedule

Thursday, November 10th

Membership Meeting
Waupaca Courthouse

Thursday, December 8th

TBD
Christmas Party

October 13 Membership Meeting

Waupaca County Court House
811 Harding Street, Waupaca, WI 54981

Thursday

6:00 PM Social

6:30 PM Member Meeting

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UW Extension is offering FREE WEBINARS. Will you join us for 'Fall into Winter Gardening' Webinars? Click [here](#) to go to the UW Horticultural Website and register.

Master Gardener Meetings 2nd Thursday of Month.

In the event that a meeting or event is canceled due to weather, members will be notified via e-mail & phone.

Refreshments Schedule October Meeting

Carrie Esch

November Meeting

Open



October Birthdays



Nancy Melum 10/30

2022 Meeting Schedule

Board Meeting

January 13, 2022

Membership Meetings

February 10, 2022

March 10, 2022

April 14, 2022

May 12, 2022

June 9, 2022

July 14, 2022

August 11, 2022

September, 8, 2022

October 13, 2022

November 10, 2022

December 12, 2022

Exclusive Educational Opportunity for Master Gardeners for 2022!!

Canvas Online Classroom

Click [here](#) to log into the on-line learning site.

October WIMGA

Newsletter Click [here](#) to view the for additional educational opportunities.

Online Reporting System (ORS) Click [here](#) to log into the system to report your educational hours.

Waupaca County Library

Waupaca County Master Gardeners Association,

I thank you for the generous donation to the Fremont library. I will use this to purchase seed incubators, dirt, and some seeds for children's story time. We would love for you to stop by sometime and share some of your wisdom with little future master gardeners.

Thank you,

Melissa Krause - Neuschafer Community Library

I just wanted to let you know the library purchased the book "The Ultimate Flower Gardener's Guide" with the money the Master Gardeners donated.

Thank you again for the donation.

Ann Hunt - New London Public Library

I want to thank the Waupaca County Master Gardener Association for their continued support of libraries.

We have purchased the book Taming the Potted Beast: The Strange and Sensational History of the Not-So-Humble Houseplant , by Molly Williams. This is a new publication that was just released on September 13th, 2022.

We have many books on gardening but our collection was lacking on materials regarding house plants, so we felt this was a good addition to our collection.

Sincerely,

Robyn Grove - Iola Village Library

Thank you so much for your generous donation! We so appreciate it.

I was able to find a book called "Will Bonsall's Essential Guide to Radical, Self-Reliant Gardening: Innovative Techniques for Growing Vegetables, Grains, and Perennial Food Crops with Minimal Fossil Fuel and Animal Inputs".

Here is a brief description: Inside Will Bonsall's Essential Guide to Radical, Self-Reliant Gardening you'll find: Milling, baking and sprouting. Freezing and fermentation. Best practices to handle plant disease and animal pests. Collecting and storing seeds. And so much more!

In a friendly, almost conversational way, Bonsall imparts a wealth of knowledge drawn from his more than forty years of farming experience. "My goal," he writes, "is not to feed the world, but to feed myself and let others feed themselves. If we all did that, it might be a good beginning."

It sounds like a very good guide to self sufficient gardening which is definitely a trend currently. I am sure it will circulate quite a lot and it will be a very nice addition to our collection.

Thanks again for your continued support!

Kelly Kneisler - Weyauwega Public Library

Meeting Minutes

September 11th, 2021, 6:30 p.m.
Deana Hirte New London, WI

Deana Hirte called the meeting to order at 7:22 p.m.

The Secretary's report was provided by Nancy Sonnenberg. The August meeting minutes were posted in the September newsletter. One corrections were noted to the location of the October Meeting, a correction will be sent. A motion to accept the August minutes was requested. Motion moved by Rebecca Weber Schmoll and second by Jean Skewes.

The Treasurer's report was provided by Rebeca Weber Schmoll and will be filed for audit.

Statewide Rep. Pat Ritchie - No state update this month.

Committee Updates:

Waupaca County Fair: Fair went well with all those who helped, including non-master gardeners. We had five people to help with the Open Class judging and that was a good number of volunteers to manage the work. The updated booth panel with updated felt and rose lily bug educational layout was well done and will last several years. Fairground organizers didn't hold a meeting to review questions and suggestions for improvements, as done in other years. It is beneficial for Master Gardeners who volunteer to wear their name badges to the Fair.

New London Children's Gardens - With the help of four consistent Master Gardener Volunteers to help with the programs each week the New London children's garden was a success with 15 kids, who were all very attentive. Templates for activities are available for future years.

Waupaca Children's Gardens - This year 12 children participated. Master Gardener Volunteers involved did a terrific job to help the children learn and take care of their spaces. There were challenges with having enough help each week to support the program.

Petals of Honor - King Veterans Home: The garden here is difficult to manage due to limitations with gaining security access to the area and infrequent watering (not being irrigated).

Mission for Hope: Request for potted plants was made, but due to concerns with watering and cost this request was denied.

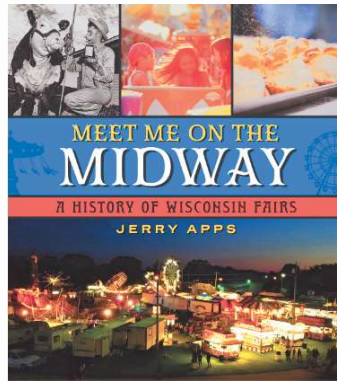
New Business: Survey of Member participation and interest in two fund raising MGV events in 2023.

There was a motion to adjourned by and second by Joan at 8:21pm.

Highlights and Updates

Pat shared the recent book "*Meet me on the Midway: A History of Wisconsin Fairs*" by Jerry Apps and published by the Wisconsin Historical Society Press. Highlights of Pat's experiences are published on page 30, 36 and 37.

Jerry Apps explores the history of county and state fairs in Wisconsin, from their earliest incarnations as livestock exhibitions to today's multitude of exhibits and demonstrations, grandstand entertainment, games and rides, and competitions of all sorts. Drawing on his extensive research, interviews, and personal experience as a 4-H leader, county extension agent, fair judge, and lifelong fairgoer, Apps takes readers back through 178 years of Wisconsin fair history, covering everything from horsepulling and calf-showing contests to exhibit judging to the roar of gasoline engines powering the midway rides.



Wisconsin Extension Master Gardener Program News:

State Office Master Gardener Program Coordinator. Currently the program office staff consists of Jay Dampier, Statewide Horticulture Outreach Program Manager and Kimberly Miller, Master Gardener Program Coordinator. We hope the new position will be on-board by the end of the year. This role will focus on volunteer recognition, connection, and recruitment as well as helping with the important day-to-day operations of the Wisconsin Extension Master Gardener Program. Interested individuals can view the position description at "[Jobs at UW](#)".

Check out the Frequently Asked Questions

For your convenience, we took the information we shared in previous emails and moved them into one place. We will continue to use this space to answer your questions about changes to the program. Come back often. These FAQs will be updated periodically. - Click [here](#) to go to the web page.