



WAUPACA COUNTY MASTER GARDENERS

— SINCE 1994 —

EXECUTIVE BOARD

President

Carrie Esch

Vice President

Open

Treasurer

Rebecca Weber Schmoll

Secretary

Nancy Sonnenberg

Past President

Debbie Krogwold

State Board Representative

Pat Ritchie

Member at Large

Patty Tomczak-Virning

UWEX Program Assistant

Amy Ebert

Thursday February 9th Membership Meeting

Waupaca County Courthouse

811 Harding Street, Waupaca, WI 54981

OR Join online ZOOM Meeting

6:00 PM – Social

6:30 PM – Membership Meeting

INSIDE THIS ISSUE

Page 2 – Membership and Next Meeting Information

Page 3 – December 2022 Meeting Minutes

Page 4 – Environmental Education Day

Page 5 – Annual Executive Board Meeting Minutes

Page 6 – January 26th Executive Board Meeting Minutes

Meeting Schedule

Thursday, March 9th

Thursday, April 13th

Master Gardener Meetings 2nd Thursday of the Month.

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

Refreshment Schedule

February

Nancy Sonnenberg



Meeting and Member Updates

January Birthdays

1/9 Bridget Kurth

Board Meeting

January 26, 2023

Membership Meetings

February 9, 2023

March 9, 2023

April 13, 2023

May 11, 2022

June 8, 2023

July 13, 2023

August 10, 2023

September 14, 2023

October 12, 2023

November 9, 2023

December 14, 2023

Waupaca Co. Master Gardeners

Join in the February Membership Meeting on Zoom

Time: Feb 9, 2023 06:30 PM Central Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting by clicking on the link below:

<https://us05web.zoom.us/j/88496457912?pwd=ajQxQVloY1QxYjVPSko1T1krdXBScz09>

Meeting ID: 884 9645 7912

Passcode: WZg48Y

2023 Annual Membership Dues: Amount per Member - \$15.00

Due Date: February 28, 2023

To pay, you may bring cash or check to the February Meeting or send a check by mail.

Make Checks Payable to:

Waupaca County Master Gardeners

Send by mail to:

Rebecca Weber Schmoll
N5350 Collier Road
New London WI, 54961

Canvas Online Classroom

<https://login.wisc.edu/idp/profile/SAML2/Redirect/SSO?execution=e1s2> to log into the on-line learning site.

Latest WIMGA Newsletter

https://www.wimga.org/files/uqdc/ebc610_40e79c82e3fb47d68f21a5f3f9f4ee0d.pdf

to view updates and additional educational opportunities.

Online Reporting System (ORS)

<https://mastergardener.extension.wisc.edu/report-your-hours/> to log into the system to report your educational hours.

Honoring Master Gardener Member Achievements!

We were able to honor **Pat Ritchie** at the MG Christmas potluck for all the many hours of service and dedication to our organization.

I wanted to make sure everyone was also aware of her **4-H legacy...55 years!!!**

Stay well, safe and happy. Hope you're all making your garden plans for spring. Connie

December 2022 Meeting Minutes

President Carrie Esch called the meeting to order at 6:20 with 10 members and 2 guests in attendance.

The Secretary's report was provided by Nancy Sonnenberg. The November meeting minutes were posted in the Newsletter. One correction was noted on the Birthday Announcement; Amy Madison's Birthday was November 26th. Jean's Birthday is in March. No additional corrections were noted by attendees. A motion to accept the November minutes was requested. Motion moved by Connie Zolkoske and second by Joan Schmitt.

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

State representative Pat Ritchie shared an update regarding the annual WIMGA meeting held online the evening of December 1st. Updates were made to the Bi-laws, UW Extension Master Gardener Program Coordinator was being selected (Robert Strohmayer) and there is a new WIMGA Treasurer (Roseann Meixelsperger. Email treasurer.wimga@gmail.com). Pat also provided MGV training and volunteer hour worksheets to keep track of their hours, if they choose.

Committee Updates:

Spring Plant Sale and Garden Walk – The topic of joining these events in 2023 to be on the same day in June was revisited. Attending members provided input for consideration. Additional consideration is needed before a final decision is reached.

Old Business: No update.

New Business: No update.

Connie Zolkoske presented a sincere speech in honor of Pat Ritchie who became a Waupaca County Master Gardener about 24 years ago, one of the first to become a member. Pat has been our state representative for many years. She has dedicated countless hours of her time and energy to the organization. Her leadership and knowledge has helped year after year to keep the Waupaca County Fair activities in check and running smoothly. We are truly thankful for all that Pat has done for the organization! Thank you, Pat!!

There was a motion to adjourn by Rebecca and second by Deana at 6:45 pm.

Environmental Education Day Planning Session for ECO Park

Email presented by: Sue Abrahamson - Waupaca Area Public Library

In Cooperation with: Christi Gabrilka - FoodWise Nutrition Coordinator, Hailee (FoodWise and LTWW), Taylor (Waupaca County Recycling Coordinator & LTWW), and Carrie (Master Gardener).

The Waupaca Public Library is collaborating with schools and the Park & Rec, along with others, to bring community programming to our beautiful parks.

We are planning some fun community events on full moon dates and Friday, May 5th is the Flower Full Moon and the day we have selected for our environmental education day at ECO Park. Am hoping you can be a part of the planning team representing Living the Waupaca Way and possibly the Abert Family.

Third grade educators, Susie Harrington, Catherine Siefert and Holly Olsen have been invited from the School District of Waupaca. Laura Colbert and/or Leslie Beyersdorf will be at the table from the Park & Rec. I've heard from Riley Nelson from Waupaca FFA and they are interested in helping with the day. At a recent meeting with neighbors that live near the park, they clearly communicated their desire to keep this ECO Park different from the other city parks and they strongly believe in the educational opportunities this park's location provides.

Can you join us at the very first planning meeting on **Wednesday, January 11, at 4:15pm at the Waupaca Public Library, upstairs Conference Room**? If you are unable to come, might you find another LWW member to act as delegate for the group?

Here are some ideas we've been throwing out for discussion and consideration:

- Wildflowers/Lupines?
- Birds of prey rehabilitation?
- Bees/pollinators?
- Solar energy (would go with city initiatives and exhibit at library) -
- Know your Frogs.
- Raptor Education Group in Antigo;
- Build bat houses;
- Install Little Free Library;
- Soil erosion; Rain barrel making or rain gardening;
- City water vs bottled water or demo on Waupaca's water process;
- Games with environmental themes <https://www.neefusa.org/education/environmental-education-group-games-activities>

[Environmental Education Group Games & Activities](https://www.neefusa.org/education/environmental-education-group-games-activities)

Fun environmental education group games and activities to help participants understand concepts and relationships found in ecosystems. Instructions include debrief questions. Activities include bat and moth, migration hopscotch, and for the common good.

www.neefusa.org

January 2023 Meeting Minutes

Attendees: Carrie Esch, Rebecca Weber-Schmoll, Pat Ritchie, Nancy Sonnenberg

2023 Summer Event Planning Decision

What: MGV Plant Sale

Date: June 3, 2023 – In conjunction with the Weyauwega Fireman's Chicken BBQ.

Location: Deana Hirte's Residence

Annual membership dues will be requested this year in the amount of \$15 for continuing members. The due date is February 28, 2023. Dues can be paid by cash or check at the next membership meeting or a check can be mailed to Rebecca.

UW Extension office is assisting with questions, recruitment. Inquiries about the Spring Plant Sale have come into their office.

The Annual Treasurers Report was reviewed. No Audit will take place for 2022, and will need to be done at the end of 2023. There is one outstanding check for the Storage Shed. This should be reviewed and discussed again in September before renewing for another year. It is a large expense. There are two CD's, one has been renewed for another year and the other will be cashed in when it matures. Some grant funding was used this year, Banners were purchased and Speakers presented to the group on several occasions. Available grant funds for the Parade Float are being considered for use. Funds could be used to update the Waupaca County presentation booth at the Waupaca County Fair in 2024.

All project request received have been approved. A proposed budget was outlined for 2023. This will be provided to Members at the next meeting for review and approval.

Executive Board Members will remain the same. A Vice President may be named at a later date.

The meeting adjourned at 7:30pm.