



WAUPACA COUNTY MASTER GARDENERS

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Thursday July 13th Membership Meeting

6:00 PM – Social

6:30 PM – Membership Meeting

Location: Patty Tomczak-Virning's in Waupaca

Bring your own chair and a beverage of choice!

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Meeting Schedule

Thursday, August 10th
Potluck

Thursday, September 14th

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

July

Open



Meeting and Member Updates

June Birthdays

07/03 Nancy Sonnenberg
07/11 Connie Zolkoske
07/20 Doug Pickar

Waupaca Co. Master Gardeners Join in the Membership Meeting

Meeting in-person this month, no Zoom connection.

Where: Patty Tomczak-Verning's Residence

Address: 719 Berlin Street, Waupaca WI 54981

Please feel free to bring a snack to share if you have time.



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

Committee Leader REMINDER

Payment Vouchers can be submitted to Rebecca for reimbursement. Thank You!

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/ugd/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.

WAUPACA COUNTY FAIR

WHEN: August 23 - 27, 2023

WHERE: FAIRGROUNDS

Weyauwega, WI 54983

<https://www.waupacacountyfair.com/fair-book/>

June 2023 Meeting Minutes

Member Jean Skewes called the meeting to order at 6:30 with 9 members and 1 guest in attendance.

The Secretary's report was provided by Nancy Sonnenberg. The May meeting minutes were reviewed by members in attendance. There were no corrections or additions. A motion to approve the minutes was made, first by Rebecca and second by Joan.

The Treasurer's report was provided by Rebecca Weber Schmoll and will be filed for audit. The plant sale financials were discussed.

Committees and Events

2023 Plant Sale Thanks to Deana and Mike for hosting the plant sale this year! The group discussed things that went good and what could be improved next time. There was a good amount of help. Set up Day (Friday) create Zones or General Areas: Plant Drop off / Check In, Plant ready for placement, Sale tables marked to accommodate general plant types (Annual/Perennial, Sun/Shade, etc.). Intake Day (Saturday) could use more help. Traffic jams with plants, label first then place the plants on designated tables to organize the flow. Use a designated zone for people arriving with plants so they can be checked over, properly labeled and priced accordingly. Setting up more tables is difficult after plants are already in place. Help from security camera view and Deana's sister's insight to make some changes in 'flow' was very helpful! Need more flexibility to allow for changes in what comes in (plant variety). For storage bins, keep lists updated on side of box to know what's inside (supplies, table cloth, staplers, etc.). Sales Day (Sunday) Predetermine the Time when plants will be "on sale" for MGV members and when the plants will be marked down to Half Price. More help is needed to haul material to the storage shed; there were 4 trips made to get it all. Extra plants were taken to Doug's in Waupaca, this took several people/cars (lots of plants). Purchasing the canopy was a good decision.

What was the decision made for the Plant Sale and/or Garden Walk next year (years to come)? The secretary (Nancy) was asked to look back in Newsletters/Notes to see if a decision was made and report back to the group?

Revisit in Fall or Ask for Members to Voice Opinion in the July Newsletter.

Sue shared a list of people who are interested in showing their gardens during a Garden Walk.

New London Children's Garden Tour of the garden provided by Jean, Joan and Rebecca. There are 16 children in the group this year. New soil from the City is much like what was provided in Waupaca, lots of debris.

Mission of Hope Garden and Facility A tour was provided by Jean and associates.

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Waupaca County Fair Pat Richie will be working with the UW Extension office to acquire a copy of the Fairbook. She will also be in touch with the Fair Board soon. Sign-up sheets will be available soon. If you are signed up and find that you cannot make it, contact Pat. Please DO NOT No Show as this makes it very difficult to manage. Jean helped to print off labels for the display tables last year, which worked very well. More help is needed Sunday afternoon to take plants down. The Open Class entry deadline date is July 17th. Go on-line for the 2023 Fair book.

Old Business

Storage Unit Rental review to reach a decision by September. The unit is paid for through February of 2024. Keep a reminder to reevaluate the material in the shed. No additional discussion.

Social Media (Facebook) - Contact with Carrie to be added to the Facebook page. Invite friends to be part of our master gardening team as “friends of MG”.

Fun Meeting Sites – REMINDER – Ideas for events, presenters, and activities that we can set up during the warmer months can be sent to Patty or Carrie.

There was a motion to adjourn by Jean and second by Pat at 7:13 pm.

In review of the Meeting Minutes and Newsletters

December 2022:

Summer Events 2023: Discussion around holding the Plant Sale & Garden Walk and Art Stroll resulted in a decision to combine the two events in 2023. June 24th was selected as the date of the event. A WCMGV Member in a central location would host the plant sale during the event. Deana accepted to take on this task. Sue and Patty will consider co- chairing the event.

**** VOICE YOUR OPINION ****

Summer events provide funds, public education and awareness of the MGV program. To be successful in managing these events MGV member time and resources are needed to organize, market and deliver the intended support.

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| A. Plant Sale | C. Combination (like 2023) |
| B. Garden Walk | D. None of these options |

Share your opinion at the next meeting or send an email to Carrie and Nancy S.