

Waupaca County Master Gardener Volunteers - March 2024 Newsletter

Thursday March 14th will be our next meeting.

Meeting Location Lower-Level Waupaca County Courthouse room 42

Social and Snack time will be at 6:00

Meeting will begin at 6:30



2024 WCMGV Board

Co-Presidents:

Jean Skewes

Rebecca Weber Schmoll

Treasurer:

Rebecca Weber Schmoll

Secetary:

Carrie Esch

Zoom Master:

Nancy Sonnenberg

Member Contactor:

Connie Zolkoske

Time to start getting ready for all those garden projects. Before we know it, we will be in the gardens with trowels and plants in hand.

Let your fellow Waupaca County Master Gardener if you need help with your projects this year. Also, if you have plants to share email a list of those plants to Carrie and she'll get them sent around.

The 2024 scholarship forms have been sent to each High School within the county. Penny Tank, the 4-H Coordinator at UWEX Waupaca Co. is going to put the information on their website and forward it to those is plant related projects. Scholarship form is attached to this email.



IMPORTANT!!!

If you have not sent your \$15.00 annual dues into Rebecca please do.

Rebecca Weber-Schmoll
N5350 Collier Rd.
New London, WI 54961





**Please see email attachment for
Membership Drive Flyers. Print and
hand out as many as you can!**

Membership Drive!!!

Ask your friends, ask your family, ask that person down the road with the awesome tomato plot that you admire from afar...

Join the WCMGV for the season as a
Friend of Master Gardener

Open House Meeting
April 11, 2024

6:00 snack and social time

6:30 meeting followed by speaker and simple activity
Lower Level room 42 of the Courthouse

Please ask 3 people that you know like to garden and or volunteer to think about becoming a part of our Master Gardeners. At this time we are looking into bringing in a speaker for the meeting, having a simple hands-on activity and a gift basket for one lucky potential WCMGV!

Carrie is working on bringing in a speaker for the
April Membership Drive meeting.

We will have a gift/raffle basket for all those who attend that are interested in joining (sorry current members we are not eligible).

And there will be yummy refreshments for everyone
that night!



Mark your calendars

!!!!Plant Sale!!!!

June 2024

June 1st plant intake

June 2nd plant sale

**Waupaca County
Fairgrounds**

**More information to
follow in the coming
months**

Waupaca County Master Gardeners - Meeting Minutes Feb. 8, 2024

Secretary's Report by Carrie Hitchcock-Esch

Master Gardeners conducted their Feb meet by Zoom. 10 members were in attendance. Past Secretary, Nancy Sonneberg did a recap of the Dec Christmas party meeting and Carrie did a quick update of the Jan Board meeting.

Rebecca shared the Treasures Report. Sue suggested that we check on the monies sent to the storage unit, because the check was not cashed for a couple months. Report filed for audit

Budget

The 2024 budget was examined. A change made to the budget is the elimination of the \$200.00 for the executive board. It was decided that the library donation will stay at \$25.00/library and the scholarship stay at \$500.00 for now. If the plant sale is successful these will go up to \$100.00/library and \$1,000.00 for scholarship. Connie stated that she would like to see money spent toward education, on library donations and scholarships. Sue motioned to accept the adjusted budget for 2024 and Joan 2nd the motion.

Plant Sale

Location of the plant sale was a major topic of the meeting. The Waupaca County Park and Rec Dept have recently increased the rental fees for building at the Fairground. The price increases would be a major hurdle to us renting out the educational building for the June 1 and 2 of the plant sale. Rebecca submitted a letter to the Waupaca County Park and Rec Dept asking for complimentary usage of the building, the letter stated the Master Gardener involvement within the County. Jean talked with Pete Bosquez, head of the park and rec board about what we do. Carrie will attend the Park and Rec board meeting on Feb 13, 2024 to represent the WCMGV, and will gather the necessary info before the meeting. Doug suggested the Trinity Lutheran parking lot in Waupaca as a possible Plan B.

Membership

Membership dues brought in \$120.00. Bridget requested an updated membership roster. The April meeting will be an open house for potential members. We plan to have a speaker and a gift basket for a door prize. Rob Zimmer, Greg Blondie and Debbie Krogwold are ideas for speakers to bring in for that meeting. We have \$400.00 for a speaker.

Spring and Summer meeting ideas

Potential summer meeting location are Bees and Blossoms urban farm in New London, road trip to Riverview Garden in Appleton, Thern Farm in New London, Fremont library where we would help them plan out a small pizza or fairy garden.

On-Boarding Lite

The UWEX has updated the on-boarding lite. They encourage the MGs to take the new course and it will be 5 hours toward our on-going education.

Town of Caledonia

Pete Bosquez approached Jean about a new garden project idea. They would like some MG input.

The meeting timed out at 40 minutes before a discussion could take place.