

Waupaca County Master Gardener Volunteers - March 2024 Newsletter

**Thursday April 11th will be our next meeting.
*IMPORTANT: MEMBERSHIP DRIVE MEETING***

Meeting Location Lower-Level Waupaca County Courthouse room 42

**Asking all members to be there for
*Social and Snack time will be at 6:00***

2024 WCMGV Board

Co-Presidents:

Jean Skewes
Rebecca Weber Schmoll

Treasurer:

Rebecca Weber Schmoll

Secretary:

Carrie Esch

Zoom Master:

Nancy Sonnenberg

Member Contactor:

Connie Zolkoske

Our April membership drive meeting is just a week away! We have an energetic speaker from the Waupaca Co. Solid Waste Dept, Allison Birr, talking about composting.

Jean put together a tentative agenda for that evening, since it is not a typical meeting.

- * Welcome guests
- * Give some background about our WCMGV organization
- * Provide information about the projects that we work on each year
- * Talk about the "Friends of MGV" - help them understand how they could be a part of our organization.
- * Introduce our guest speaker - Allison
 - * Allison's presentation
 - * Basket drawing
- * Conduct business meeting - if guests want to stay they are welcome to do so.





**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 WCMGV introduction followed by speaker
Lower Level room 42 of the Courthouse

Local media outlets across Waupaca County have been contacted to help us spread the word. The libraries have been emailed and asked to set out our flyer.

Please ask 3 people that you know like to garden and or volunteer to think about becoming a part of our Master Gardeners.

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!!!!

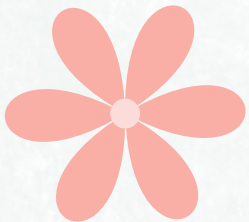
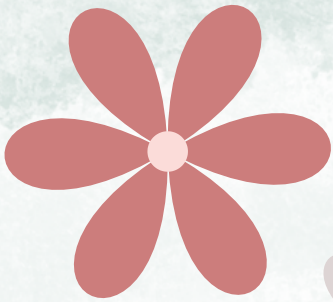
June 2024

June 1st plant intake

June 2nd plant sale

**Waupaca County
Fairgrounds**

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



Other news to know:

IMPORTANT!!!

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

Rebecca Weber-Schmoll
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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 in plant related projects. Scholarship form is attached to this email.

Keep your eye out for emails from UWEX and WIMGA they have interesting speakers coming in the next few months.



March 2024 meeting minutes:
minutes recorded by Jean S

Three people in attendance, Jean, Doug and Sue

We reviewed the minutes from last month's meeting.
Doug approved, Susan seconded

Reviewed the Treasurer's report. (see attachment)

Plant sale weekend update -

* We have the Fairgrounds building

* We will need to make sure we have enough participation from all members in order to make this work.

* Will need to address details in April & May

Membership

* Handed out some of the flyers that Carrie made

* Doug and Susan will distribute in the Waupaca area

* I will see if Joan and Bridget can help with posting in the NL area

* Rebecca, do you have places you would like to put these?

* It's going to be very important to get additional participation from our members and have a good showing if we are going to be inviting guests and possibly have drop in visitors for the meeting.

* Carrie, were you able to come up with a speaker?

* A couple other options were suggested:

- Shelly Graziano

- Jane Mulroy - Plant small herb garden

- Waupaca County Food Wise ladies

Spring/Summer meeting locations:

* Added - Paine Art Center- Road trip

Onboarding lite -

* Can we coordinate a day/time to do this as a group for those that do not have good internet options.

* Who do we contact to get the hard copy quizzes?

Town of Caledonia - Community Garden

* Told the coordinator that he can use my name (Jean) as a MG contact on grant application.

* He will get in touch with me when he needs additional assistance.

* He was told that we would most likely not be able to provide much hands-on assistance, but could provide support with questions, ideas, etc.

Doug shared information about the Outagamie County MG Facebook page and the training opportunities that they provide through this social media outlet. Could be worth checking out to get ongoing educational resources.

<https://www.facebook.com/search/top?q=master%20gardener%20association%20-%20outagamie%20county>
(hoping this link works)