

Waupaca County Master Gardener April 2024 Newsletter

**Thursday May 9th will be our next meeting.
*IMPORTANT: Plant Sale Planning Meeting***

*Meeting Location Lower-Level Waupaca County Courthouse room 42
Social and Snack time will be at 6:00
Meeting to begin at 6:30*

2024 WCMGV Board

Co-Presidents:

Jean Skewes
Rebecca Weber Schmoll

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Rebecca Weber Schmoll

Secretary:

Carrie Esch

Zoom Master:

Nancy Sonnenberg

Member Contactor:

Connie Zolkoske

**Hello Waupaca County Master Gardeners!!!
It's the most wonderful time of the year!!!!**

What a great April meeting we had! Ten guests that could potentially join us as Master Gardeners, an excellent guest speaker from Waupaca County, Allison Birr, and a great discussion of our projects around our communities!

For our May meeting, we will be gearing up for our annual plant sale. As you begin work in your gardens this spring, look around and identify what you can share for the plant sale.

Please make a list of the plants and numbers of those plants to share with Jean and Rebecca, the co-chairs for the plant sale. As always be on the lookout for jumping worms and make sure to look over the do not bring list.

To receive your new name badge log into the ORS by May 1. Information on following page.

Happy Gardening! See you at the May meeting,
Carrie





!!!!Plant Sale!!!!



June 2024



June 1st plant intake

June 2nd plant sale

**Waupaca County
Fairgrounds**



*****Please bring a list to
the May meeting of how
many and what plants
you plan to bring to the
sale.**

News from Jean about the upcoming

2024 Plant Sale Sunday June 2nd

We are very excited to begin planning for our 2024 Master Garden Plant Sale!

Your participation in this event is very important and we appreciate any amount of time you can give.

We will need help on the following dates.

- Saturday, June 1st (set up) 8:00am – 5:00pm

- Sunday, June 2nd (Sale-take down). 7:30am – 3:00pm (or until all is cleaned up)

We will have a signup sheet at the May meeting; otherwise, please contact Rebecca or Jean with your commitment to volunteer during the event.

If possible, please send the Plant type(s) and Number of Plants to Rebecca or Jean by May 10th.

We will have some plants available to dig at the Pat Ritchie's house on Cty O, Weyauwega. Volunteers who would like to help dig and pot plants for the sale should contact Pat or Jean.

We will have pots/labels and cut blinds available at the May meeting. If you have your own pots, please be sure they are regular plain plant pots for potting (no printing on them). If you have questions on anything regarding plants, potting, labeling, or need help with digging plants, etc., just give one of us a call or email. We would love to hear from you!

Additional pots and labels will be made available. Please let us know if you would be willing to keep a supply at your house for pickup by other MGJV members.

P.S. Jumping worms . . . be on the lookout for these critters as you are digging. If you find any, please do not bring plants to the sale in order to prevent spreading. Visit the DNR website for more info: <https://dnr.wi.gov/topic/Invasives/fact/jumpingWorm/index.html>

All plants brought to the plant sale must be identified to include:

Common name

Botanical (Latin) name

Sunlight requirements

Blooming time

Bloom color

Whether it's an annual, biennial or perennial

Your MGJV ID number

If you can't identify it, it may be on this "Don't Bring" list, so don't bring it. This is especially important!

- **‘Don’t Bring’ List for Plant Sales**

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- Thank you for respecting this “Don’t Bring” List

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- Forbs:

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- Bouncing Bet or Soapwort (*Saponaria officinalis*) ,

- Creeping Bellflower (*Campanula rapunculoides*)

- Crown Vetch (*Coronilla varia*)

- dame’s Rocket (*Hesperis matronalis*)

- flowering Rush (*Butomus umbellatus*)

- Goutweed (*Aegopodium podagraria*)

- Japanese Knotweed (*Polygonum cuspidatum*)

- Lily-of-the-Valley (*Convallaria majalis*)

- Orange Daylily (*Hemerocallis fulva*)

- Oxeye Daisy (*Chrysanthemum leucanthemum*)

- Purple Loosestrife (*Lythrum salicaria*)

- Ribbon Grass (*Phalaris arundinacea*)

- Tansy (*Tanacetum vulgare*)

- Yellow Garden Loosestrife (*Lysimachia vulgaris*)

- Yellow or Water-flag Iris (*Iris pseudacorus*)

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- Vines:

- English Ivy (*Hedera helix*)

- Oriental Bittersweet (*Calacastrus orbiculatus*)

- Periwinkle or Myrtle (*Vinca minor*)

- Wintercreeper or Climbing Euonymus

- (*Euonymus fortunei*)

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- Shrubs:

- Burning Bush (*Euonymus alatus*)

- Honeysuckles (*Lonicera* sp.)

- Japanese Barberry (*Berberis thunbergii*)

- Multiflora Rose (*Rosa multiflora*)

- Privet (*Ligustrum vulgare*)

Link to ORS log in page: <https://t.e2ma.net/click/61154g/inqg6ou/qtg73p>

**From the Wisconsin Extension Master Gardener Program - April
Newsletter**

Have you logged into the ORS for 2024 yet?

Before you start your participation in the Wisconsin Extension Master Gardener program each year you will need to login to the Online Reporting System (ORS) and Acknowledge the Terms Acceptance and Profile Update.

Reminder: Participation cards can be printed from your dashboard after completion.

Log In by May 1 for Name Badges

Name badges will be issued to all current participants in the program (who did not receive one in 2023).

What we need you to do to receive a name badge:

Acknowledge the Terms Acceptance and Profile Update in the Online Reporting System (ORS) on or before May 1, 2024.

Verify your contact information in the ORS. The name badge will be mailed to the address on file in the ORS.

Enter Your Preferred or Chosen First Name. This will be used on the name badge. Last names will not be used in order to protect your privacy and safety.

You will only receive one name badge. No replacements will be issued.

If you completed the 2023 Terms Acceptance between May 15 and Dec 31 2023, you are slated to receive in the 2024 distribution.

You are expected to discontinue use of all old name badges when conducting volunteer activities or obtaining continuing education related to your participation in the Wisconsin Extension Master Gardener Program.

Other news to know:

The 2024 scholarship forms have been sent to each High School within the county. Scholarship due date is this Wednesday, May 1st. We have received a couple of applications so far.

Joan Schmitt invited anyone interested to The Tri-Valley Gardener's Flower Show and Luncheon. the event will be May 21st at St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Church in Waupaca. For more information contact Jan Jones at weplant1969@gmail.com.

The Oshkosh Violet Society - WI is holding its African Violet Show & Plant Sale

Event Dates and Hours:

Saturday, May 4, 10am to 4:30pm

Sunday, May 5, 11:30am to 3:00pm

Location:

St. Jude the Apostle Church Hall

531 Knapp St.

Oshkosh, WI 54902



Waupaca County Master Gardener Volunteers

April 11, 2024 Meeting Notes

Waupaca County Court House – Lower Meeting Room

The meeting was called to order by Co-President Jean Skewes at 7:30pm with 11 members and 4 guests present.

Secretary's report was given by Jean and Carrie. The March Meeting minutes were approved by Nancy and Connie.

Jean Skewes provided the Treasurers report. Rebecca has filed this for audit.

Plant Sale weekend update: June 1st and 2nd activities were discussed. The Committee is led by Jean and Rebecca. Plans are set to the following: Saturday, June 1st from 8:00am to 5:00pm – Plant Intake and Sunday, June 2nd – Plant Sale: Volunteers arrive at 7:30am.

The plant sale starts at 8:00 am and runs until close; with clean up ending around 3:00pm (or until cleanup is done).

Communication is critical to make this a successful event. Volunteers will need to sign up for work hours for this event in April. Carrie will be sending out more information on this. Please contact Rebecca, Jean or Carrie to sign up for volunteer hours at the plant sale.

We have set a May deadline to complete planning. Members will be prompted to send in their estimated plant list by the next meeting. This will include a list of plant to bring and not to bring. With low membership numbers, everyone needs to be involved in the sale and providing enough plants to sell. Other neighboring counties have plant sales. Some are buying all of the plants to resell due to Jumping Worms. Please be on the lookout for these when digging plants.

At the May meeting we plan to revisit posters distribution in local community boards and where banners will be placed for publicity. There will be pots, labeling material (slats) and tags available for members to use for plants being donated. All plants need to be in non-marked pot and identified with a tag/label (common name, botanical (Latin name), sunlight requirements, blooming time, bloom color, zone information (annual, biannual or perennial), and the MGV member ID number.

Membership:

There were 10 interested guests in attendance. One of them already completed the training (online)! Membership training reimbursement was mentioned during the visitor portion of tonight's meeting. This will need additional discussion as cost and options to complete the training have changed. We may be able to cover a portion of the training, but it would be contingent on the member being active for at least one year. The support from the UW Ext. has shifted with fewer resources in the county.

(Note: Check to see what members in 2019 were reimbursed for training.)

Spring/Summer Meeting Locations: 6 options were listed on the Agenda.

Of those six, the members discussed and chose locations to schedule for the upcoming months.

Listed Options: Bees & Blossoms (New London), Riverview Gardens (Appleton), Fremont Library (Fremont, Pizza garden), Thern Farm (New London), Paine Art Center (Oshkosh)

Other suggestions: Pioneer Farm in Marion, Iris Farm in Saxeville, Chain 'o Lake nursery in Waupaca

May: Bees & Blooms, New London (Joan)

June: Iris Farm, Saxeville (Carrie) or Chain 'o Lakes (Silver Mist) (Patty)

August: Rebecca's Home

Joan mentioned there is a very nice plant sale at the Paine Art Center the Saturday before mother's day.

Onboarding Lite: Can we coordinate a time to do this as a group? In the April UW MGW Program newsletter there was a posting about this. The due date to log in and complete onboarding light is May 1st. There are no quizzes to complete. Joan may contact the Ext. Office (Amy) to see if any assistance is available.

A motion to adjourn was made by Joan and second by Alice at 8:10 pm.