

Master Gardener Volunteers' Newsletter

Master Gardener Meetings are held the 2nd Thursday of the Month.

In the event that a meeting or event is canceled due to weather, please listen to WJMQ 92.3 and WDUX 92.7 for cancellation information. We will also attempt to notify members via email.

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Unless otherwise stated, meetings and programs will be held in the lower level of the Waupaca County Courthouse.

April Meeting Information

April 9, 2009, 6:00 p.m. Social
6:30 pm Business meeting
7:30 pm Desert Plants --presentation-by Kate Saunders

2009 Executive Board Members

President, Nancy Johnson
Vice-President, Suzanne Wozniak
Treasurer, Rebecca Weber Schmoll
Secretary, Peggy Kramer
Board Member, Bill Johnson
Board Member, Sally Marchal Handrich
Past President, Kate Saunders

From Greg Blonde: MGV members please contact my secretary or me at 715-258-6230 extension 12 with any changes regarding contact information. For example send a change in name, email or mailing address, or phone number.

Newsletter Mailing Update

We are attempting to verify the current newsletter mailing list. If you notice anything that is incorrect, please let us know.

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People currently receiving mailed newsletters:

Kathleen Akey, Lorry Brace, Agnes Marchel, Joleen Diley, Robert & Christine Faulks, Diane Fuhrmann, Cynthia Holly, Carol Johnson, Barb Lamb, Lyle Mork, Susan Young, Gerald Oestreich, Shirley Lacy, Carol West-Dahl, Amy Krolow Mass, Alice Brown, Donna Bedord, Christann Dittman, Carol Spiegelberg, Gloria Gruer, Julie Bosquez, Verna Radtke, Joan Schmitt, Karen Zahn, Rebecca Weber Schmoll, Mark Pringnitz, Kay Durrant, Penny Pritzlaff, Leigh Braatz, Debra Calmes, Hope MacIntyre, Dorrie Hipschman, Suzanne King, Debbie Krogwold, Pam Nitke, Patricia Pamperin, Glenda Rhodes, Dorothy Shaver, Susan Thomas, Kathy Weiner

April Program----Plants of the Mohave and Colorado Deserts

Fellow MG, Kate Saunders will present a PowerPoint focusing on the desert plants she discovered in January, 2009 at Joshua Tree National Park and the surrounding area. Kate is excited to share her new found knowledge of plants from a totally different area than Zone 4.

**Waupaca County Master Gardener Meeting
Farmer's State Bank
March 12, 2009
6:30 p.m.**

The meeting was called to order by President Nancy Johnson at 6:30 p.m. Nancy welcomed all members and guests present. The guests were asked to introduce themselves.

Members present: Julie Bosquez, Leigh Braatz, Lorry Brace, Christann Dittman, Bill Johnson, Nancy Johnson, Peggy Kramer, Terry Kramer, Barb Lamb, Patti Leiskau, Sharon Lemmers, Hope MacIntyre, Lyle Mork, Pam Nitke, Barb Nollenberg, Penny Pritzlaff, Glenda Rhodes, Pat Ritchie, Ila Sanders, Tom Sanders, Kate Saunders, Joan Schmitt, Dorothy Shaver, Judy Shaw, Lee Shaw, Carol Spiegelberg, Jeff Weasner, Nancy Weasner, Rebecca Weber Schmoll, Kathy Weiner, Carol West-Dahl, Faye Wilson, Suzanne Wozniak and Greg Blonde-WCMG advisor. Guests included: Gerry Schnecklots, Heidi Jacobson, Sue Morack, Vance Linden, Kent Pegorsch and Jean Medway.

Lee Shaw motioned to approve the February 2009 meeting minutes and Suzanne Wozniak made a second. Motion carried.

The Treasurer's Report was given by Rebecca Weber Schmoll.

There are no outstanding bills.

The State Representative Report was given by Pat Ritchie. Pat announced that the application for the "Garden Crusader" award is due June 15. The Gardener's Supply Company has created this award to honor individuals who are improving the world through gardening. Search online by typing in "Garden Crusader".

WIMGA will be held October 2-3, 2009 in Wisconsin Dells. Information to register will be in the July state newsletter. The Pruning workshop planned for April 2nd may be moved to a different date.

Susan Mahr, Wisconsin MG Program Coordinator, has purchased two invasive species DVD's for each organization in the state. They are "Garlic Mustard" and "Phragmites"

For national and international trips offered to Master Gardeners, please see Pat Ritchie for information.

Book Review by Nancy Weasner: A cookbook by Dottie Reeder - Blueberries to Wild Roses. This cookbook brings the flavor of the outdoors home. The author presents recipes for such things as berries, clover, cranberries and dandelions.

Old Business:

Bill Johnson announced that on behalf of the Membership Committee, every person wearing his or her name badge will be entered into a drawing for a \$15.00 gift certificate to Silver Mist Nursery. Judy Shaw was the recipient of the drawing.

Nancy Johnson handed out an updated membership list. Each member is to check and make sure his or her own information is correct as written.

By-Laws Presentation and Discussion/Voting: Bill Johnson, Faye Wilson and Pat Ritchie presented copies of the By-Law changes to members that did not receive them last month. The By-laws were also presented on the computer screen. Members of the committee entertained any questions that the general membership had on the By-Laws. Members were to vote yes or no on each Article. If a section of the Article is tabled, it is understood that all the other sections of the Article are to be voted upon and the Tabled Section will return to committee. The Tabled Sections are:

Article 1II Section 3.
Article VII Sections 4, 8, 10
Article X Section 5

These will go back to committee to be reviewed and rewritten.

A revised copy of the 2009 Budget was passed out to those requesting it. Sue Wozniak moved that the 2009 Budget be passed with a second from Lee Shaw. A 'show of hands' vote was taken. The budget passed for 2009.

New Business:

Spring Plant Sale: Nancy Weasner spoke about plans for the Spring Plant Sale, which will be held on June 7, 2009. Marilyn Hermann will be at the plant sale all day to help people with their selection of plants and advice on their garden. If you are able to help transplant perennials, please call Dorrie or Sally. If you need help digging and potting perennials from your yard, please contact someone from the Plant Sale committee to get some help from the general membership.

At the next meeting a list of plants that will not be allowed at the sale will be passed out. The Plant Sale committee is re-vamping the labels. If possible, bring in colored pictures of plants you are donating.

Joe Pegorsch would like to propose an Eagle Scout project for the Master Gardeners projects. This would include a minimum of 100 hours of volunteer time. Please contact Joe or Nancy Johnson if you would like to have a Scout help you out with a project.

The Wisconsin Veteran's Home at King would like Master Gardener Volunteers to help maintain a garden on their premises. If you are interested, call Nancy Johnson or Greg Blonde.

Trinity Lutheran Church will be sponsoring a Wellness Day on Saturday April 25th from 8:00 – 1:00. Spiritual Gardening will be the focus.

Ila Sanders announced the WCMG's scholarship winner. Ashley Beier will be attending Northland College in Environmental Science. She will receive \$500.00 after her first semester grades are submitted to the WCMG treasurer.

Terry Kramer updated members on the Waupaca Community Garden. He spoke about the "Adopt a Week" program which allows organizations to weed, pick produce and help out with the Community Garden on a weekly basis. The Garden will be hiring two interns for 18-20 hours per week at \$10.00 per hour. The hours are flexible, but must include days for delivery to the various receiving centers.

A planter at the Weyauwega Elementary School needs some advice! The school is in

need of some help in designing and establishing a planter. Please give Faye Wilson or Nancy Johnson a call if you are interested.

Other:

Doug Wilke is sponsoring a Basic Welding class featuring Garden Projects. Contact Doug at 258-7556 for information.

There will be a Pruning and Grafting class offered through the UW-Extension. Go online at www.fvtc.edu for more information.

The WCMG's received thank you notes from the "House of Hope" and the Weymont Food Pantry" for donations.

Pat Ritchie made a motion for the meeting to be adjourned and Ila Sanders seconded. The motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Peggy Kramer

NOTICE

The By-Laws Committee has decided to postpone for one month (from the April 9th meeting of the Association to the May 14th meeting) the presentation of final revisions to the By-Laws that were not voted on or approved at our last meeting. This is being done primarily to have a maximum attendance of voting members without holiday-related absences.

The By-Laws Committee

2009 Master Gardener Scholarship Awarded

The recipient of the 2009 Master Gardener's Educational Scholarship is Ashley Beier. Ashley will graduate from Iola-Scandinavia High School this spring, with plans to attend Northland College this fall. She will pursue a degree in Environmental Science, with an emphasis in horticulture or botany. Ashley is the daughter of Bruce and Christine Beier of Iola.

President's note.....

"I am so tired of winter!" is what I have heard for the last two weeks from both of my children. With the forecast of snow for this weekend, it is hard to stay optimistic. However, we are keeping busy getting things cleaned up inside and I am reminded of a few things we as a group need to keep in mind as well:

- As April approaches and we are all anxious to get out into our gardens, please remember to take note of what plants you have that may need to be divided and pot them up for our spring plant sale.
- We need to have a volunteer to co-chair the fall plant sale and subsequently chair the spring sale. These are the only fundraisers we have each year and it is important that we fill this position. There is an instruction book as well as several members and the plant sale committee to help anyone who is willing to serve as chair. If you are thinking of volunteering, please let me or Nancy Weasner know as soon as possible. There are several members in the group who have served in this capacity already and would be willing to talk to you about their experience if you have any questions.

Enjoy what is hopefully the last snow of the season!

Nancy



Believe!!! We will soon be seeing leaves on our trees!!!!

"Rules" for Potting Plants for the Spring Plant Sale – June 7, 2009 Submitted by Spring Plant Sale Committee

When you are dividing plants from your garden for our plant sale, make the largest division possible for your pot. This will give us better looking plants and we will be able to sell them quicker and for a higher price. The quality of the plants reflects positively on Waupaca County Master Gardener Volunteers and will encourage people to come back to our plant sales.

All plants **must** be disease and weed free. Remove all dead leaves and spent flowers before bringing them to the plant sale. Have your plants labeled appropriately when you bring them to the sale.

Pot your plants at least two weeks or more before the plant sale and apply fertilizer such as Miracle Grow or a slow release fertilizer of some sort.

Pot all plants in appropriately sized pots. No plants will be sold in paper or plastic bags. No plants will be sold in cardboard boxes, cool whip or margarine type containers

The only exceptions to the potted plant rule are bulbs and rhizomes. They may be packaged in paper or plastic bags -- make sure they are labeled appropriately.

Make sure your plants are well watered before you bring them to the plant sale. As a Waupaca County MG, it is our responsibility to provide a healthy plant for sale.

Deliver your potted plants - Saturday, June 6 – 9a.m. to 2:00 p.m. to the Education Building at Weyauwega Fair Grounds.

Suggested Items for Spring Plant Sale

Plants: Vegetable seedlings, annual & perennial plants, bulbs, herbs, native plants, house plants, rhizomes, seeds, shrubs, trees. All of these items should be appropriately labeled.

Other items: flower pots, garden accents, garden structures, garden tools, bird houses & feeders, gardening books, posters related to gardening.

The next Spring Plant Sale Committee meeting is scheduled prior to the MGV monthly meeting April 9, 2009 monthly meeting (5:15 p.m. at Courthouse).

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

Best wishes for a wonderful, productive, year of growth to....

4/4 Lyle Mork
4/7 Julie Bosquez
4/12 Faye Wilson



Wal-Mart Foundation Donation

Barb Lamb has received \$250 from the Wal-Mart Foundation. She has designated this money towards the Budwit account on behalf of the Master Gardener Volunteers.

Upcoming Educational Opportunities

REMINDER --Spring Fling: A Day of Learning and Renewal is slated for Thursday, **April 16** at the Courthouse in Waupaca. Sponsored by Waupaca County Association for Home and Community Education there are several sessions that may interest Master Gardeners.

Cost is \$3.50 per session, \$7.50 for half day, \$15.00 for full day registration with lunch.

For more information or a brochure, contact the Waupaca County UW-Extension Office at (715) 258-6225.

MGV Gardening Expertise sought for County-Wide Community Gardens

Waupaca County's Nutrition and Activity Coalition (NuACT) was awarded an 18 month CDC grant to expand the Waupaca and Clintonville Community Gardens, add one in Weyauwega and investigate ways to support Iola and New London Community Gardens. These are not your typical community gardens where interested persons rent a 20X20 foot plot to grow vegetables for their family. Instead, the local effort engages youth, adults and seniors in planting, tending and harvesting produce for distribution at local food pantries, senior nutrition sites, senior meals, community suppers, or school classroom instruction. Several Master Gardeners, like Terry Kramer are very involved with the success of the Waupaca Garden. Family Living Educator Marilyn Herma, Wisconsin Nutrition Education Program Coordinator Alyson Luchini and AmeriCorp Nutrition Educator Linda Beres will be joining other community volunteers to demonstrate healthy cooking strategies to include more fruits and vegetables in family meals and snacks. We will also schedule weekly basic canning, freezing and preserving classes over the summer to encourage stretching the season throughout the year.

Clintonville is in year two of its operation and could use the sage advice and wise council of any Master Gardeners in that area. New London is exploring the possibility of starting a Community Garden on the north side of New London, just off County T. Any Master Gardeners with a love of growing vegetables and community involvement in New London are invited to join the start-up group. For more information or offers to assist, please contact Marilyn Herman, Family Living Educator (715) 258-6225.

Hints for the April Garden

- ◆ Fertilize spring bulbs like tulips and daffodils
- ◆ Allow foliage to remain of spring flowering bulbs to remain in place after bloom fades
- ◆ Prune grape vines and repair support trellises as needed
- ◆ Plant bare root stock before new growth begins. Balled, burlapped and contain stock can be planted later in the spring.
- ◆ Plant seeds of cool season crops: peas, spinach, carrots, beets, turnips, parsnips and chard around April 20th or as soon as the soil can be worked
- ◆ Cut ornamental grasses back to a few inches before new growth begins.
- ◆ Complete pruning chores, removing dead and injured branches first.
- ◆ Apply pre-emergent herbicide to control crabgrass in lawns.

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