



## <sup>UW</sup> **Extension** Waupaca County

# Master Gardener Newsletter

August 2007

**Master Gardener Meetings are held  
the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month.**

**6:00- 6:30 p.m. Social**

**6:30-7:30 p.m. Meeting - 7:30-8:30 p.m. Program**

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



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



**August 9 - 6:00 p.m. Social; 6:30-7:30 p.m., Meeting;  
7:30-8:30 p.m., Program, New London**

The August meeting of the WCMGA will be at the Children's Garden in Pfeifer Park, New London.

Directions from Waupaca: Take Hwy 54 east to New London. At the first stop & go light, on Shawano St., turn right (south). Go about two or three blocks to Waupaca Street and turn left (east). The Family Diner is on the corner of this intersection. Go two blocks to the park entrance and turn left. Use the parking lot and meet in the shelter.



Please bring a dish to pass for a potluck dinner. Sue King will have a long table set up for food and refreshments. Electricity is available, as are restrooms. We will tour both the Children's Garden, and the garden of the advanced level Friday Group.

If anyone has questions about the directions, call Sue King at 920-982-7696.



**August 25** - Articles due for the September newsletter. Send to Amy Krolow Maas at [timmaas@frontiernet.net](mailto:timmaas@frontiernet.net)



**August 22-26** - Waupaca County Fair, Weyauwega.



**September 8** - Fall Plant Sale... Pot 'em up now!



### August in the Garden

In August, gardening seems relatively easy; the vegetable harvest continues and the annuals and perennials seem self-sufficient. It appears to be a good time to take a vacation.

Although setting sprinklers and pulling weeds sounds mundane, there are other garden activities with more appeal. Planting fall vegetables, propagating raspberries, and saving seeds will make you glad you stayed active in the garden this month.

#### Home

- Cut flowers from the garden to bring a little color indoors or to dry for everlasting.
- Order spring-flowering bulbs for fall planting.

#### Yard

- Check trees and shrubs that have been planted in recent years for girdling damage by guy wires, burlap, or ropes.
- Remove and destroy fall webworms and tent caterpillars. Start Gypsy Moth removal program immediately if necessary.
- Don't fertilize woody plants now. It stimulates late growth that won't have time to harden off before winter.
- Pears are best ripened off the tree, so don't wait for the fruit to turn yellowish on the tree.

#### Garden

- Keep the garden well watered during dry weather and free of weeds, insects, and disease.
- Complete fall planting by direct seeding carrots, beets, kohlrabi, and kale early this month. Lettuce, spinach, radishes and green onions can be planted later.
- Harvest onions and garlic after the tops yellow and fall over, then cure them in a warm dry, ventilated area. The necks should be free of moisture when fully cured, in about a week's time.
- Harvest potatoes after the tops yellow and die. Potatoes need to be cured before storage.
- Prune out and destroy raspberry and blackberry canes that bore fruit this year. They will not produce again the next year, and may harbor insect and disease organisms.



**Note From Our President,  
Pam Nitke**

WOW! How the time has gone fast. It seems like I started as President such a short time ago. I had the most wonderful time and had an over abundance of help and support. A special THANK YOU to all Master Gardeners for everything. When I joined this organization three years ago I needed something in my life to keep me busy, and at the same time do something I love to do, GARDENING! I am very proud to be a part of such a great group of individuals that share my same interests.



I have to say the hardest part for me was getting my article in to Barbara by the deadline, but she did a wonderful job keeping me on track with her reminders. Barbara has always done a **great** job putting together such an informative newsletter. Please thank her next time you see her; she will be greatly missed.

**Reminders:**

Election of new Board Members will be at the August 9 meeting. You should have contacted Rebecca by Thursday, July 26 for a ballot if you are unable to attend and would like to vote.

The August 9 meeting will be held in New London at the Children's Garden/Friday Garden Group located at Pfeifer Park for a potluck to eat at 6:30 pm. We will be at the shelter which has electricity.

Master Gardener dues and hour/continuing education forms are due no later than the September 13 meeting.

I would like to thank everyone for their help and support. I know Kate will do a wonderful job as our next President.

Thank You, Pam Nitke.



**Photos and Project Information  
Needed for State Convention for  
Tri-fold Board**

*Submitted by Kate Saunders*

Remember to bring photos with identification of your project (Include dates, names of people in the photos, etc.) to the August meeting. Kate Saunders and Dort DeWild are designing a display for the October 2007 MGV Convention being held in Eau Claire.

We would like to highlight all of our MGV project sites. If you are unable to be at the August meeting, please contact Dort or Kate so that your project will be included on the Tri-fold.



**Christmas in July (or August)**

*Submitted by Rebecca Weber Schmoll,  
Christmas Party Co-Chairman*

Our December Master Gardener meeting is our Christmas party. This year's party will have a political theme: something for everyone! Colleen McCoy will be coordinating the "Adopt a Needy Person/Family" project again.

We will also be doing a gift exchange. The gift should be in the \$15-20 range and be garden-related. Check out those summer clearance sales now!

We will also be doing a food drive for the food pantries, so bring a canned food item to donate.

Our meal will be a potluck. This will be a *true potluck!* No sign-up of what to bring. Just make your favorite holiday recipe. I personally think it would be just fine if we ended up with all chocolate desserts. Plus we hope to provide some fun games and entertainment.

Please remember that this Christmas party is all optional. Participate in what you feel comfortable doing; one activity, all, or none.



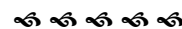
**Friday Garden Group**

*Submitted by Susan Finkel*

The Friday Garden Group (FGG) in New London has done some amazing gardening in July. The gardeners are very excited to welcome the Master Gardener group for the August meeting!

We've built toad houses and spider frames and had a fantastic day playing games in the garden. For Game Day, each child brought a game to share and we played and laughed the whole morning!

We'll be celebrating a garden of reading on August 3, our second annual potato festival on August 10, and a garden scavenger hunt on August 17. Our last day in the garden will be August 24 when we invite parents for a lunch prepared using foods we've grown in the garden. Stop in and see us on Fridays, 10:30-12:00, at Pfeiffer Park in New London!



*Happy Birthday to  
the August  
Birthday People!*

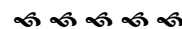


- 8/1 Sue King
- 8/4 Suzanne Wozniak
- 8/7 Joleen Diley
- 8/7 Sue Finkel
- 8/11 Greg Blonde
- 8/12 Dort DeWild
- 8/13 Hope MacIntyre
- 8/24 Glenda Rhodes
- 8/26 Barbara Koehnke
- 8/27 Karen Zahn



**Waupaca County Fair**

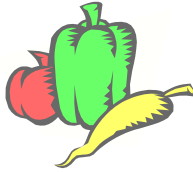
Pat Ritchie will have a sign-up sheet at the August meeting for those who didn't have a chance to sign up at the July meeting. Volunteers are needed in the open class houseplant and flower class and junior fair crops, vegetables, houseplants and flowers.



## June Meeting Notes

Submitted by Rebecca Weber Schmoll,  
Secretary

Attendance: Kathy Akey, Leigh Braatz, Debra Calmes, Dorethy DeWild, Joleen Diley, Kay Durrant, Diane Fuhman, Bill Johnson, Nancy Johnson, Suzanne King, Peggy Kramer, Terry Kramer, Barb Lamb, Patti Leiskau, Hope MacIntyre, Colleen McCoy, Pam Nitke, Barb Nollenberg, Katherine Saunders, Joan Schmitt, Jeff Weasner, Nancy Weasner, Rebecca Weber Schmoll, Carol West-Dahl, Faye Wilson, Suzanne Wozniak, Connie Jess Zolkoske, Julie Bosquez, Amy Krolow Maas.



**Welcome:** President Pam Nitke called the July meeting to order. The meeting was held at the beautiful prairie gardens of Susan and Ronald Smith. Pam thanked our meeting hosts. There were no guests at the July meeting.

**Approval of Minutes:** Pat Ritchie moved and Patti Leiskau seconded the June meeting minutes that were printed in the newsletter. Only an informal executive meeting was held in May, so there were no minutes recorded.

**Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer Terry Kramer reported a check book balance with few outstanding bills. The fiscal year will start in September. Checks of \$50 each were sent to the nine Waupaca County area libraries to purchase garden related materials. Thank you notes were received from the librarians of the Clintonville, Manawa, and Scandinavia libraries. A thank you note was also received from Jessie Blum, the \$250 scholarship recipient.

**State Representative Report:** Pat Ritchie updated us on upcoming conferences for the year. Check with her for details. Portage County MGs have produced twelve fact sheets on vegetables that would be excellent to share at the children's gardens. People are still needed to

sign up for the state sponsored MG trip to New Zealand. Again, contact Pat for the details. Help is needed for the state MG booth at the Farm Technology Days September 18 to September 20 in Green County. Pat also has information on various grants. Contact her if you are interested in these grants. Pat has DNR updates on invasive species. She also has mini fact sheets that would be good to share at the education booth at the Waupaca County Fair. Scott's Lawn Care is sponsoring a contest, "Are You Proud of Your Lawn" with prizes. The University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point is offering on-line horticultural classes. Contact Pat for more information.

### Old Business:

**Eau Claire Convention:** The convention is October 5, 6, and 7. Barb Lamb volunteered to make a basket with an approximate value of \$50 that will be donated to the convention raffle. Faye Wilson moved, and Colleen McCoy seconded that we sell raffle tickets. Pat Ritchie will handle the money from the sale of these raffle tickets. Dorethy DeWild and Sally Marchel Handrich will make a three-fold display board for the convention.

**Project Forms and Receipts:** This fiscal year ends August 31, and all receipts need to be handed in. Volunteer hours are due at the September meeting. All projects needing money and hours approved from September 1, 2007 to August 31, 2008 will need to submit a new project form. These forms need to be turned in to either Kate Saunders or Pam Nitke by the August meeting.

**Fair Sign-up:** Pat Ritchie handed out sign-up sheets for volunteer working at the Waupaca County Fair, which is held August 22 to August 26. This is an excellent way to get volunteer hours.

**Fall Plant Sale:** Set up for the Fall Plant Sale is Friday, September 7, and the sale is Saturday, September 8. Nancy Weasner is

the chairman of the Fall Plant Sale, and Deb Krogwold is the co-chair.

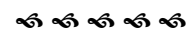
**Nominations:** Jeff Weasner presented the slate of officers for the Waupaca County Master Gardener Volunteers for 2007 to 2008. Kate Saunders, who is the vice-president for this year, will become president for the 2007-2008 year. Nancy Johnson will be vice-president. This is a one year term, but she does become the president for the next year. Treasurer for a one year term is Terry Kramer. Secretary for a one year term is Peggy Kramer. Two year terms for the executive board candidates are Bill Johnson or Susan Finkel. The one year term runs from September 1, 2007 to August 31, 2008. The two year term runs from September 1, 2007 to August 31, 2009. The election will be August 9, 2007. Request for an absentee ballot must be requested before July 26, 2007. See your by-laws in your membership binder for any questions on absentee voting.

**Book Review:** Barb Lamb reviewed the book, *Chile Death* by Susan Wittig Albert. This is a series of books that contain mystery, recipes, and plant descriptions.

**Other:** The August meeting will be at the New London Children's Garden. This is our annual summer potluck.

**Executive Meeting:** The next executive meeting will be Tuesday, July 24 in Weyauwega at the Coffee Klatch at 6:30 P.M. All members are welcome to attend the meeting.

**Adjournment:** Motion passed to adjourn the meeting. Moved by Faye Wilson and seconded by Joan Schmitt.



The pathway leading to a successful garden is paved with a curious blend of dreaming and doing.

John Barton



## Time Reporting

*Submitted by Pat Ritchie*

Remember to fill out your hour sheets and turn them in at the September meeting. These are needed to fulfill your certification or recertification for a MG. The hours also help the state program promote the Master Gardener program to the University and Legislature for funding and exposure. I use some of the information that is gained off the hour sheets to write the annual accomplishment report, so it is important you fill out the form carefully and completely. Here are a few guide lines.

1. Put things down in detail. For example don't just put down Hutchinson House 10 hours. Instead, write Hutchinson House, describe what was done and the date that it was done and whether it was support service hours, youth education hours, or community education hours. These are all on the hour form that is in your member's manual or the hour sheet handed out at the beginning of the year.
2. Be sure the hours that you are using are approved projects and approved educational opportunities. The list of approved TV and radio programs is in your member's manual along with the list of committees and projects.
3. When putting down continuing education hours and volunteer hours be sure to have 10 hours of continuing education and 24 hours of volunteer time on the hour sheet for re-certification. For the members that are completing the class this year, you only need the 24 hours of volunteer service.

If you have questions on the hour sheet and what to record, please give me a call at (920) 867-3074 or email at [peritchie@core.com](mailto:peritchie@core.com).

A good way to get hours is to volunteer at the Waupaca County Fair August 22-26. There are

openings in both open class houseplants and flowers to help on Friday- Sunday and Junior Class crops, vegetables, and houseplants and flowers on Wednesday, Thursday and Sunday. Please give me a call or e-mail me. I will also have the list at the August MG meeting to fill in. It is a fun easy way to get hours and will help to promote the MG. V. program.



## Meet the New Editor

*Submitted by Amy Krolow Maas*

Next month's newsletter will have a new editor. I am excited about this opportunity.

As a secondary mathematics teacher, I have had a variety of experiences with computers. In my former teaching position, I was the yearbook advisor and published the annual yearbook for ten years. With this experience, I am eager to create the Waupaca County Master Gardeners' newsletters.

A bit about me... I am married with two little children. My son Benjamin will be in first grade and my daughter Alice is two years old. We live on the banks of the Little Wolf River between Marion and Manawa.

Gardening has always been something I have enjoyed. I grew up on a dairy farm and I gardened there. My grandfather was an avid vegetable gardener and I enjoyed his garden as well. My gardening passion is vegetables as my family preserves for year-round eating.

Besides vegetables, we have a variety of fruits, an herb garden, and lots of flowers. Along with gardening, I enjoy fishing, canoeing, cooking, baking, and crafting.

I look forward to meeting all of you and creating our newsletter.



## It's a Wrap

*Submitted by Barbara Koehnke*

After being the newsletter editor for 7 years, I am turning it over to the new WCMG editor, Amy Krolow Maas, with my very best wishes.

Amy has so much enthusiasm (and energy) that I am very confident her freshness, talents, and exuberance will produce a quality representation of our great group. She is an organizer and a doer... and has just completed her studies for her Masters Degree, along with caring for her family and working full-time.

This issue will be my last and Amy will start with the September issue which will be the beginning of our groups 'new year'. She will continue to 'spread the word' as it is given to her and will add her creativity to make the newsletter stimulating and informative.

All articles, ideas, suggestions, reports, and anything else you would like to share with others in the group can be sent to Amy from now on. If you prefer to mail her items, her address is E6249 Trout Lane, Marion, WI 54950. Email works great and her address is [timmaas@frontiernet.net](mailto:timmaas@frontiernet.net)

We are very pleased to have Tom and Ila Sanders continue with the printing and mailing of the newsletter... as getting it out is half the battle fun.



## Dues are Due

*Submitted by Pat Ritchie*

Dues for the coming year will be collected at the September meeting. This is a change from previous years because our calendar year has changed starting this year with our calendar year being from September 1 - August 31. Please see the Membership Dues form in this newsletter. Checks for \$15 can be made out to WCMG and given to Terry Kramer.



**Gardeners Calendar**

**Aug 2-12, 2007**

**Wisconsin State Fair, West Allis**  
Cows, cream puffs, amusement park rides, and many horticultural exhibits and programs, including SEW MGA displays. See the State Fair Website <http://www.wsfp.state.wi.us/home/wsfp/> for details.

**August 24, 12:00 Noon**  
**Brown Bag Program**  
**Environmentally Friendly Lawn Management**

Lawn quality and environmental impact varies with the different ways turf grass can be managed. Join John Stier in a review of how to maintain a beautiful lawn in an environmentally sound way.

**August 26, 2:30 PM/central**  
**"From Distant Shores"**

This is part of a series celebrating the gardening contributions of Wisconsin immigrants. First, however, host Shelley Ryan highlights the gardening gifts of Native Americans with a visit to the Tsyunhehkwa Project in Oneida. Learn how to create a hardy tropical garden at the Thai garden in Olbrich Gardens, and how to grow Hmong vegetables at the Green Bay Botanical Garden. Also, Liza Lightfoot shows how to create a

simple water feature and shares her love for South African

**September 8**  
**Waupaca County MGs Fall Plant Sale, Fairgrounds, Weyauwega**  
Nancy Weasner Chair, Deb Krogwold, Co-Chair.

**September 18, 19, 20**  
**2007 Wisconsin Farm Technology Days, Albany**

If you are interested in providing volunteer assistance, please respond by August 15 to Bob Tomesh, phone, 608-265-4536, email at [rjtomesh@wisc.edu](mailto:rjtomesh@wisc.edu) or by mail, Robert Tomesh, 471 Horticulture Bldg., 1575 Linden Dr. Madison, WI 53706.

**October 5-6**  
**WIMGA Annual Conference 2007 Eau Claire**

Once again it's time to gather with other MGVs from across the state to exchange ideas and information on gardening and volunteering. This year we have a different twist for you. Instead of having the conference in the spring, the Western District is hosting the conference in the fall. We will be in beautiful Eau Claire, WI. You will have your gardens almost put to bed and will be ready to relax and enjoy other MGVs company.

In addition to the conference, the area offers fun for the entire family. Eau Claire is located in northwestern Wisconsin at the confluence of the Chippewa and Eau Claire rivers, about 90 miles east of Minneapolis/St.Paul. Outdoor activities are abundant throughout the year. Eau Claire has eight golf courses for all skill levels. All year round biking, hiking, and inline skating can be enjoyed on the Chippewa River Trail that follows the picturesque river. The Eau Claire Regional Arts Center brings in national touring groups as well as local groups, while Fanny Hill Dinner Theatre offers a beautiful setting for enjoying dinner and a show. Or maybe you'd like to take a tour of the Jacob Leinenkugel Brewing Company in nearby Chippewa Falls, visit one of the fine museums in the area, or take advantage of numerous shopping opportunities.



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**Membership Dues are due September 13, 2007**

Cut on line above (or duplicate all information on another sheet of paper) and return, with your payment of \$15, to Terry Kramer, Treasurer.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone (include Area Code): \_\_\_\_\_

**Please check the appropriate categories:**

- Please renew my Waupaca County Master Gardener membership.
- I am a new member.
- I am an Associate member.

Please return this portion with your payment of \$15 to Terry Kramer, N2537 Pleasant View Lane, Waupaca, WI 54981 on or before **September 13, 2007**. Make checks payable to Waupaca County Master Gardener (WCMG).

### Wisconsin Recycling Law and Waupaca County Ordinance

Source, WI DNR and Waupaca County Solid Waste & Recycling Department

The Wisconsin Recycling Law requires that all residents and businesses separate the following items from their trash for recycling:

- Cardboard, container board, newspaper, magazines, junk mail, mixed paper
- Aluminum and tin cans
- Glass bottles and jars
- Plastic bottle (resin #1 & #2)
- Waste oil, vehicle batteries
- Appliances, tires
- Yard waste and brush

Composting/chipping is strongly encouraged over burning.

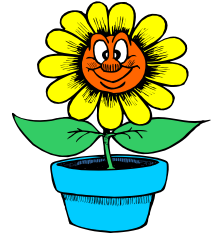
Debris burning (needles, leaves, brush, and burn barrels) continues to be the number one cause of wildfires in Waupaca County and statewide.



### Fall Plant Sale!

Saturday, September 8, 2007  
8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Held in the Education Building at the Waupaca County Fairgrounds in Weyauwega, South Street entrance. Featuring: perennials, house plants, native plants, garden accents, bulbs, crafts & gifts... plus a reference table.



A new check-in procedure for plants was set up at the Spring Plant Sale that worked well. All plants were checked for proper labeling, diseases, invasiveness, and then trimmed of dead and/or yellow leaves before being put out on the sale tables. The procedure proved to be a time saver.

Nancy Weasner is the Chair and Deb Krogwold is Co-Chair for the Fall Plant Sale. Start evaluating your gardens now for possible donations. Pot up your plants early so they have a chance to revitalize from the transplanting.



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