

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.

AUGUST Meeting Information
Meet at the Iola Community/Children's Garden—see article
6:00 p.m. Pot Luck Meal
6:30 p.m. Business meeting
7:30 p.m. Tour of the Iola Children's Garden

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.

August Meeting will take place at the Iola Community Garden/Children's Garden. We will have our traditional potluck at 6:00 pm with our meeting to follow. Please bring a dish to pass and your own place settings. Beverage will be provided. There is a shelter area with picnic tables at the site, but you are welcome to bring your own lawn chairs.

Directions to Iola Community Garden:

Most people should be coming into Iola on either Highway 49 from Waupaca or Highway 161 from Manawa. Highway 49 is Adams Street and Highway 161 is State Street. Highway 49 stops when it meets Highway 161. If you are on Highway 49 you must turn left (west) onto State Street (Highway 161) until it intersects Main Street in Downtown Iola. Both highways turn right at this intersection and go through downtown but you stop and then continue straight (west) on State Street. State Street ends when it intersects Town Line Road. Turn right (north) on Town Line Road and the Iola Community Garden is immediately on your left.

***Thank you** to all my WCMGV friends for the calls, visits, cards, thoughts and prayers. I am slowly getting better and hope to be able to get back to the Children's Gardens and the other projects soon.*

Miss you all.

Barb Lamb



President's Note....

I'm so grateful it finally rained! All of my gardens are breathing a collective sigh of relief. My kids and I have been busy picking raspberries and going out to a couple of farms to pick blueberries and strawberries too. Needless to say, we've spent a lot of time processing all of these berries, but it is worth it. Still waiting on our tomatoes & peppers, though. I'm afraid these cool nights haven't helped them.

Although this is a busy time of the year, it is time to start thinking about a couple of events we have coming up this fall. First, the fall plant sale will be here before we know it! While you are out diligently working in the garden, please be thinking about what plants you would be able to donate for the sale. Also, nominations for officers are approaching and it is time to consider whether you could run for an office this fall. Organizations like ours need to have members participate in order to continue to function and grow. Please give both of these ideas some thought while you are weeding this month!

Nancy

Waupaca County Master Gardener
Association Meeting
July 9, 2009
Crystal River Inn
Rural, Wisconsin

The meeting was called to order by Vice-President Suzanne Wozniak at 6:30 p.m. Suzanne welcomed all members and guests to the meeting.

Members Present: Dort DeWild, Gloria Gruer, Dorrie Hipschman, Heidi Jacobson, Bill Johnson, Suzanne King, Peggy Kramer, Patti Leiskau, Sharon Lemmers, Hope MacIntyre, Pam Nitke, Barb Nollenberg, Penny Pritzlaff, Glenda Rhodes, Pat Ritchie, Kate Saunders, Joan Schmitt, Judy Shaw, Lee Shaw, Carol

Spiegelberg, Jeff Weasner, Nancy Weasner, Rebecca Weber Schmoll, Faye Wilson, Suzanne Wozniak and Connie Zolkoske. Guests included Vance Linden and Ruth Johnson.

The June 11, 2009 minutes were corrected:
1. Carol Speigelberg spoke about her success with giving out seeds, tools, fertilizers, old garden magazines and hoes to 67 families.

2. Bill Johnson and Faye Wilson of the BY-Laws Committee passed out copies of the suggested revisions to three specific By-Laws. These By-Laws were rewritten after the Committee received suggestions from the membership at the March 2009 meeting. After reviewing the revisions, members were given a ballot on which to vote for or against the revisions. The vote was as follows:

Emeritus Status: 37 for

Executive Board Administration:
36 for 1 against

Liquidation of the MG chapter:
36 for 1 against

The revisions were accepted by the majority of voting members present. The current revisions to the By-Laws are now complete.

Gloria Gruer made a motion to approve the June minutes with the above corrections. Dorrie Hipschman seconded. The motion carried.

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

Patti Leiskau asked when the budget year was over. It is over December 31, 2009.

Pat Ritchie gave the State Representatives report. The Waupaca County Leadership program is now accepting applications. Contact Mike Koles by July 31st at the Waupaca County UW Extension.

Pat has raffle tickets for the State Convention. The cost is 6 for \$5.00 or \$1.00 per ticket.

The State Convention would like a display at the convention from all MG organizations. Registration for the convention is on-line which will be held October 2nd and 3rd. Register early for breakout sessions as they are limited to a certain number of people. Pat will order Garden Journals from the State Master Gardener Association for WCMG volunteers if requested. The journals cost

\$13.00 each. Pat will submit several websites to the newsletter. Check the newsletter for these web sites from Susan Mahr, a report from Michigan State, a report on leaf scorch and Larry Mueller's Joyce Kilmer award.

Hope MacIntyre handed out information on "Trimming the Fat" that was published from Ministry Health Care.

Old Business:

The Membership Committee reminds people that the Waupaca County Fair is August 26th - 30th. Entry forms are available in the Waupaca County Fair Book on page 52. There are many volunteer hour opportunities for the fair. A sign up sheet will be available at the August meeting. The Publicity Committee needs to make a display for the fair. Kate Saunders asked that people send her pictures and articles about the projects people are working on to use on the display board.

New Business:

Nancy Weasner announced that the plant sale is September 18th and 19th. Set up is on Friday until 3:00 p.m. Contact Nancy or Jeff Weasner if you are unable to get plants to the sale by Friday. There will be a Plant Sale Committee meeting at the Waupaca Library on July 14th at 6:30 p.m. Rebecca Weber Schmolz said the budget for the sale is \$900.00.

The UW Extension office is offering workshops on canning, freezing and pickling. See Nancy Weasner for further information.

Jeff Weasner has items from the Spring Plant Sale available if people would like to purchase them. There are plant markers, permanent markers and mesh bags available for purchase.

Suzanne King reported that there are 16 children in the New London Children's Garden. Mr. Tom King held the frog jumping contest with that group last week. The Waupaca County Board visited the New London Children's Garden and the Friday Garden group. The Lola Children's Garden is having their Tea Party next week. More help is needed at that garden if anyone is available on Thursday mornings.

Patti Leiskau announced that Solaris Farms in Reedsville offers a 15% discount to Master Gardeners. Their number is 920-905-3976. Visitors are welcome from July 11th through August 15th, closed Mondays and Tuesdays. Daylilies are dug for customers so they can take them home on the spot.

Gloria Gruer asked if someone is going to pick up the pots that Oberstadt's nursery has offered the WCMG. Joan Schmitt will pick some up and let them know that WCMG is interested in the rest.

Dorrie Hipschmann announced that the August 13th meeting is at the Lola Children's Garden and will be a potluck.

Gloria Gruer motioned the meeting be adjourned. Joan Schmitt seconded. The motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Peggy Kramer, secretary

Thank You to Lee Shaw for picking up the one-gallon pots from Oberstadt's for us to use for our plant sale. Be sure to take enough to pot up all your perennials for the Fall Plant Sale!

2009 WIMGA Conference

Oct 2-3, 2009 at the Ho Chunk Conference Center, Baraboo, WI

Keynote speakers include:

Neil Diboll, Prairie Nursery,
*Playing Your Wild Card—
Gardening with Native Plants*
Dr. Jim Neinhuis, UW-Madison
Horticulture Dept., *The Art of
Vegetables*
Dr. William Gartner, UW-Madison
Geography Dept., *Restoration of
Ancient Ho-Chunk Gardens*

Check the State Master Gardener Website for more information!!!

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

8/1 Sue King
 8/4 Suzanne Wozniak
 8/11 Greg Blonde
 8/12 Dort DeWild
 8/13 Hope MacIntyre
 8/24 Glenda Rhodes



Grow What You Eat

Gardener's Supply Company (Burlington, VT) has recently launched a section on their website to help new vegetable gardeners, called Grow What You Eat (<http://www.growwhatyoueat.com/>). Anyone who completes the pledge form on the site are entered in a weekly giveaway of a Raised Bed. There are a lot of resources, information and an opportunity to share photos, etc. There is also a free online Kitchen Gardener Planner (http://www.gardeners.com/on/demandware.store/Sites-Gardeners-Site/default/Link-Page?id=kgp_home), with pre-planned designs to help beginners figure out what they can grow in a 3'x6' raised garden and an interactive feature to design your own raised bed garden by selecting your chosen veggies from the set list (of course there are also links to their products for sale...but that is not too intrusive)

Sick Plants in a Hungry World

This non credit course from Ohio State University is completely online and has 10 modules with topics ranging from the basic concepts in plant disease to prehistoric man and plant diseases, and from the Irish Potato Famine to bioterrorism. The course

is specifically designed for Master Gardener Volunteers, however anyone interested in plants, history, and contemporary global issues will find it exciting and intriguing.

The course will be online for 10 weeks once you begin the program. Assignments consist of supplied module readings and self-tests. You will receive a certificate from the Ohio State University Office of Continuing Education upon completion. Cost \$35.00

To learn more about the class, go to: <http://plantpath.osu.edu/extension/outreach/online/index.html>

To register for the class, visit: <http://osucedreg.com/profile/form/index.cfm?PKformID=Ox15405241>

New Food Pantry/Harvest Website

The new Jersey Master Gardener is launching a nationwide effort to connect "the free thumb" with local food pantries. Gary Oppenheimer's website, www.ampleharvest.org, allows local food pantries to register and allows local gardeners to find them. This helps the pantry's needs to be made public and the gardener's harvest to be fully utilized. Nicholas Polanin, state master gardener coordinator from New Jersey, indicated that the state program is supportive of this effort.

Gary's goal is to operate and sustain the website WITHOUT PUBLIC FUNDS. He recently received a grant from Google, which will certainly help. Furthermore, www.ampleharvest.org has gotten exposure from the "Wasted Food" blog (<http://www.wastedfood.com/2009/05/20/ample-harvest-pass-some-along>) and other websites.

As many Wisconsin MGA's have organized programs to donate to their local food pantries, you may want to pass this information on to the pantries in your area to help them publicize their needs and connect to other donations beyond the MG Program.

In the August Garden.....

A good time to rest a bit and enjoy the harvest, your lush annuals and nearly self-sufficient perennials!!

HOME: Take cuttings from plants such as impatiens, coleus, geraniums, and wax begonias to overwinter indoors.

Order spring-flowering bulbs for fall planting---or wait and buy them at the fall plant sale.

YARD: Check trees and shrubs that have been planted in recent years for girdling damage by ropes, guy wires and burlap.

Remove and destroy fall webworms and tent caterpillars.

Seed new lawns or bare spots in established lawns in late August or early September.

Some flowers you might find in bloom in an August garden.....



Stargazer Lily



Meadowbrite Echinacea



Shocking Lily



Jackmani Clematis



RECIPE... Swiss Chard Quiche
(modified from Susanna Trucke, Dog Hollow Farm)

1 onion chopped 6 eggs 1 clove garlic, minced 1 cup shredded cheese
 2T olive oil 1 can chopped mushrooms (or sautéed fresh/chopped) 1 t salt
 Pepper to taste 1 bunch Swiss chard 1 pie crust

Heat oven to 400°. Pre-cook pie crust for 10-15 minutes. Brown onion and garlic in oil. Trim and chop chard, add to pan and cook down until wilted. Beat 6 eggs in a bowl; mix in cheese, mushrooms, salt, pepper, and chard mixture. Pour into pie crust. Bake until knife inserted in the center comes out clean. Yummy

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