

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.

December Meeting Information

December 11 - 6:00 p.m. Potluck & Holiday Program and a brief business meeting

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NEWLY ELECTED Executive Board Members for 2009

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

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.

A Note from our President, Kate Saunders

December is here! I hope that you and your family had a wonderful Thanksgiving. I have so much to be thankful for in my life, it was good to turn off the "bad" news in our world for a day, remember those who have passed from my life this year and reflect on all of my blessings.

Thanks to all who donated and to all who purchased items at the silent auction at our November meeting. We donated over \$300.00 to the charities of our choice!

Check out the Christmas party information in this newsletter and get ready for a fun meeting in December. Thanks again for a great Master Gardening year! Happy holidays!!!
Kate

Help!!!! NEXT MGCV CLASS IN NEED OF TWO MORE PARTICIPANTS
By Greg Blonde

We have 8 people registered for MG General Training and still need at least two (minimum of 10) to be a host site. We will accept registrations through the end of December, so if anyone knows of friends or neighbors, who might be interested, encourage them to sign-up or call me for more information. Class will be held on twelve consecutive Tuesdays from 6- 9 p.m. at the Weyauwega HS fiber optic video conference room (just down the hall from the main office) start on February 3, 2009.

November 13, 2008 MINUTES

Meeting of Waupaca County Master Gardener Association

Attendance: Kathleen Akey, Julie Bosquez, Leigh Braatz, Lorry Brace, Debra Calmes, Gloria Gruer, Dorrie Hipschman, Bill Johnson, Carol Johnson, Nancy Johnson, Sue King, Terry Kramer, Debbie Krogwold, Barb Lamb, Patti Leiskau, Sharon Lemmers, Hope McIntyre, Agnes Marchel, Lyle Mork, Pam Nitke, Barb Nollenberg, Penny Pritzlaff, Glenda Rhodes, Pat Ritchie, Ila Sanders, Tom Sanders, Kate Saunders, Dorothy Shaver, Judy Shaw, Lee Shaw, Jeff Weasner, Rebecca Weber-Schmoll, Carol West-Dahl, Faye Wilson, Suzanne Wozniak, Connie Jess Zolkoske.

The meeting featured our annual silent auction, sponsored by Dorothy Shaver, with items donated by members and proceeds going to the charity of the winning member's choice.

Meeting called to order at 6:30 p.m. by President Kate Saunders. Business meeting preceded by educational program on "Green Living," the first in a series of three programs, with the second and third to be in January and February, 2009. Presenters: Stacia Fields and Jane Haasch. Members received a "Bioregional Quiz," to be reviewed in subsequent meetings. After a break, business meeting reconvened at 7:45 p.m.

MMSC that minutes of October meeting stand approved as printed; Gloria Gruer, 1st; Lee Shaw, 2nd.

Terry Kramer gave the treasurer's report, and distributed enrollment forms to be returned with the annual dues of \$15.00, which are payable tonight or at the December meeting.

State Rep's report was given by Pat Ritchie. Master Gardener hours donated by Waupaca Count MG's for 2007-2008 total: Youth Education, 602; Community Education, 268.5; Support, 4133; and continuing Education, 1148. Time sheets for the coming year were distributed. Early bird registration for the International Meeting, in Las Vegas next March, has been extended to the end of

November. Membership pins, new or for replacement, now cost \$6.50 plus shipping.

Dorothy announced that bidding on silent auction items would end at 8:10.

Book Review: Hope McIntyre reviewed the book "Animal, Vegetable, Miracle" written by Barbara Kingsolver about the year her family spent eating local foods and "living green."

Old Business

a) Membership Committee: Connie Jess Zolkoske presented "Thanks-giving Gardener awards" to the following:

Terry Kramer, for his hard work during his two terms as treasurer and for his involvement in the Community garden and the Waupaca Children's Garden;

Joan Schmitt, for her work as refreshments chairperson, her compassion, and for silently contributing to the association "behind the scenes;"

Jeff and Nancy Weasner, the "Get 'r Done" Award, for always being there helping with projects, and for being "Mr. and Mrs. Plant Sale;"

Gloria Gruer, first president of the association, for being our "Seed Saver," for her loyalty and advice.

b) Slate of officers elected unanimously by ballot. Ballots counted by Sue King, Patti Leiskau, and Leigh Braatz. The new officers for 2008-2009 are: Vice-President, Suzanne Wozniak; Treasurer, Rebecca Weber-Schmoll; Secretary, Peggy Kramer; Board Member, Sally Marchel Handrich.

c.) By-laws committee update

Copies of the updated Standing Operating Procedures and list of Standing and Functional committees were distributed. These documents are to replace the previous versions and be stored in our documents ring binders. Any questions or corrections about the SOPs and the committees should be brought up at our next meeting.

d.) Applications for project and funding approval should be submitted. They will be reviewed for approval at the joint executive board meeting in December.

November minutes continued...

New Business

a) Garden Expo 2009: Barb Lamb reminded us of the dates, February 13-15. Members interested in volunteering at the Expo may visit wpt.org/volunteer to see all the jobs and shifts that are available, or phone (608) 265-4436 for more information. Volunteer hours count for program support, and attendance at classes count for continuing education.

b) Amy Krolow Maas has resigned her position as newsletter editor, so we need someone to volunteer for that position. Templates and files used to produce the newsletter, which Amy had received from Barb Koehnke, have been returned to the club. Terry Kramer suggested that a thank-you note be sent to Amy, with an invitation to return; Kate noted that she has contacted Amy and that she and Greg Blonde have asked her to return.

c) Membership dues for 2009 are payable tonight or in December, or by mail to Terry.

Other

a) Christmas party: Rebecca Weber-Schmoll announced the activities; members who attend may choose to participate in any or all of the following: for the potluck dinner—please bring a dish of your choice (“anything chocolate is especially welcome”); bring non-perishable foods to be donated to the food bank; bring a garden-related \$20.00 gift for the gift exchange. The committee is planning some entertainment.

b) We received a letter of appreciation from Faye Wilson for our thoughtfulness on the occasion of her mother-in law’s passing, and for sponsoring her in the Leadership Waupaca County program.

c) Forms granting permission for background checks to be conducted were distributed, as all members are required to have background checks done. Some members questioned the advisability of filling in their social security numbers on the line provided. Pat Ritchie tried to assure people that the forms are confidential, and that the background checks cannot be performed without that information. Forms

were collected using an envelope so that no one in the club could see them.

MMSC to adjourn at 8:25; Lee Shaw, 1st; Terry Kramer, 2nd.

Kate announced that the executive board would meet on Tuesday, November 18, at the Coffee Klatsch in Weyauwega at 6 pm..

Announcements were made in regard to the Silent Auction.

Another motion to adjourn was made, seconded and carried; Dorrie Hipschman, 1st; Lee Shaw, 2nd.

Respectfully submitted,

Suzanne Wozniak
for Peggy Kramer, secretary

All members are encouraged to submit newsletter information! January articles are due by December 23rd. Thanks in advance for your timely submissions. Send to interim newsletter editor Kate Saunders @ k Saunders0327@charter.net

In the December Garden

Ornamental Grasses

Leave any ornamental grasses that are elegant or sculptural for winter interest in the garden. Cut back those that are less attractive. Protect your tender ornamental grasses with 2-3” of mulch, taking special care of those growing on the cusp of their hardiness zone. In late winter, before any signs of new growth, cut back all grasses that were left standing.

Christmas Trees

Water your Christmas tree daily so it doesn’t dry out and create a fire hazard....even better buy a live tree and plant it in the spring!



December Birthdays

12/03 Peggy Kramer
 12/05 Kathy Akey
 12/06 Kay Durrant
 12/23 Susan Young
 12/27 Mark Prignitz

The December meeting will be our traditional Christmas party, which begins with a potluck meal. Bring your favorite holiday treat. (Be aware that dark chocolate has health benefits, including lowering blood pressure. Hint, hint for your cooking ingredients.) We are having a food drive for our local food pantries. So bring one or two canned items. We will have a gift exchange. The gift should have a garden theme and be in the \$20 price range. Entertainment will be provided, and we will have a great time together. Please know that all of these activities are optional. Participate to your comfort level. So, shake the moth balls off that holiday sweater or brush the crumbs off your Christmas tie. See you at our M.G. Christmas party, with bells on your toes!

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