

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.

February Meeting Information

February 12, 6:00 p.m. Social

6:30 pm Business meeting

7:30 pm The third **program** in the series on Green Living by Stacia Fields and February co-presenter Debbie Krogwold.

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.

March Meeting Reminder

Due to a scheduling conflict at the courthouse, our March meeting will be held in the lower level of Farmer's State Bank at 112 Fulton St. in Waupaca. Enter the Bank from the Washington St. side (west) entrance and after going through the first set of doors, turn left and go down the stairs to the meeting room. Since the bank closes at 5 pm, we can park in the bank parking lot off Washington St., or on the street, or in the public parking lot across the street on Washington.

Criminal Background Check Forms

Please bring your criminal background forms to the next MG meeting (Feb. 12) or drop off or mail to The UW- Extension office by February 12. Also, as Susan Mahr indicated in her last statewide newsletter, social security numbers are no longer required,

A Note from our President, Nancy Johnson.....

Happy (belated) New Year! As I write this the winter wind is blowing the snow that has accumulated in record amounts this year. Even as I hear my husband and neighbors complain about all of the snow, I must confess that I am a little thankful for the insulating blanket that is protecting my perennials from the frigid temperatures! The seed catalogs have started to arrive and they are a welcome reminder that spring will eventually return to Wisconsin. My 5-year old son, Michael, and I paged through a catalog this morning admiring all of the lovely pictures of different vegetables and flowers. During this process all I heard were questions like, "Can we grow colored corn this year?", "Can we grow *all* of those kinds of pumpkins?" or "I like all of those sunflowers, can we try to grow them?" His enthusiasm reminds me that there are always new plants to try and challenges me

to expand my concept of what our garden should look like this year.

As I review all of the projects we have in place for this year, I am enthusiastic at the possibilities before us. As in my own garden, it is my hope that we are all able to grow what we know we can and are open to trying a new idea or two.

Nancy

MINUTES

Waupaca County Master Gardener Meeting - January 8, 2009

The meeting was called to order by President Nancy Johnson at 6:30 p.m. Nancy welcomed all members present.

Members present: Julie Bosquez, Leigh Braatz, Dort De Wild, Dorrie Hipschman, Bill Johnson, Nancy Johnson, Sue King, Peggy Kramer, Terry Kramer, Patti Leiskau, Sharon Lemmers, Hope MacIntyre, Agnes Marchel, Sally Marchel-Handrich, Lyle Mork, Barb Nollenberg, Penny Pritzlaff, Pat Ritchie, Ila Sanders, Tom Sanders, Dorothy Shaver, Judy Shaw, Lee Shaw, Jeff Weasner, Nancy Weasner, Rebecca Weber Schmoll, Faye Wilson, Suzanne Wozniak, Connie Zolkoske and Greg Blonde-WCMG advisor

The December 2008 meeting minutes stand corrected-Dorothy Shaver was present at the meeting. Pat Ritchie motioned to approve the corrected December 2008 meeting minutes and Ila Sanders made a second. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Rebecca Weber Schmoll reported the following:

Checking Account Balance as of 1/08/09 is	\$17,466.75
Dedicated funds:	
Scholarship	523.00
Budwit Gardens	513.64
Waupaca Children's Garden	339.16
Verna Radtke Memorial	<u>59.50</u>
TOTAL	\$1,435.30
Available Funds	\$16,031.45

State Representative Report was given by Pat Ritchie. Pat announced that she has copies of hours sheets available. Pat handed out the Annual Accomplishment Report. If anyone needs a name badge, please see Pat.

Hope MacIntyre gave a book review on Jam and Jelly by Holly and Nellie author: Gloria Whelan and illustrator: Gijsbert Van Frankenhuyzen This children's story is set in northern Michigan where the winters are cold and rough. It is a story of a mother and daughter working together to make enough money for Holly to buy a winter coat and boots so that she may attend school all winter. Holly learns the joy of achieving a goal. The book is beautifully illustrated with lush paintings and color.

Old Business:

Spring Plant Sale: Sally Marchel-Handrich and Nancy Weasner spoke about plans for the Spring plant sale, which will be held on June 7, 2009. The program for the May meeting will be a "Preview of the Spring Plant Sale" which will include directions for potting and marking plants and information about plants specifically ordered for the sale.

Pat Ritchie presented awards to the following people for their accumulated hours:

150 hours

Alice Brown, Leigh Braatz, Peggy Kramer, Tom Sanders, Kate Saunders

250 hours

Kathy Akey, Dort De Wild, Cynthia Holly, Peggy Kramer, Sally Marchel-Handrich, Carol West Dahl

500 hours

Bill Johnson, Terry Kramer, Sally Marchel-Handrich

750 hours

Lee Shaw, Colleen McCoy, Sally Marchel-Handrich, Nancy Weasner

1000 hours

Nancy Weasner

2500 hours

Lyle Mork

New Business:

Nancy Johnson announced that we need a chairperson for the Program Committee. Programs are scheduled through the May meeting. We need someone to take over the production of the local newsletter. Kate Saunders is doing this job temporarily.

Bill Johnson gave a By-Laws update. He informed the membership that notice is given that the By-Law Committee has proposed certain additions, corrections and other revisions that will be presented and discussed at the February 12, 2009 meeting and will be voted upon at the March 12, 2009 meeting. Copies were passed out with the changes marked in red.

Greg Blonde announced that there are currently 14 people signed up for the new Master Gardener training session. He encouraged members to come to the classes to be mentors and to explain WCMG projects. The meetings will be held in Weyauwega every Tuesday night (6:00 p.m.) from February 3rd to April 21st. A sign up sheet and class schedule was passed around. Greg said that background checks need to be turned in by the next WCMG meeting.

Nancy Johnson has prepared project lists for this next year. They were available at the meeting. Please sign up for your projects!

The March and November meetings will be held at Farmer's State Bank in the downstairs meeting room. (112 W. Fulton St. enter building off of N. Washington Street to go downstairs)

Dorothy Shaver is the new Historian. She asks everyone to send her pictures of events and projects within 30 days. It is most convenient for her to receive pictures via e-mail.

Waupaca Community Garden Report was given by Terry Kramer. Next week, Terry is meeting with a group from Weyauwega to help them begin their community garden plans.

This year the Waupaca Community Garden is going to add "Adopt a Garden" which will be

open to various groups and organizations allowing them to take care of picking, weeding and maintaining the garden from a Sunday to a Saturday. He also said that they might add chickens to an area of the garden.

Nancy Johnson read a note from Joleen Diley stating that for personal reasons she will need to be inactive for a period of time.

Peggy Kramer reported that Kate Saunders and herself are going to Garden Visions in Wausau on January 31st. There is room in the car for three more people. Contact Peggy if interested.

Hope MacIntyre shared a calendar of pictures of Waupaca produced by the Waupaca Senior Center. It is available for \$10.00.

Garden Inspiration will be held by the Portage County Master Gardener's on February 7th. The cost is \$30.00.

A motion was made by Pat Ritchie and seconded by Dorrie Hipschman to adjourn the meeting at 7:25 p.m. The motion carried.

The next Executive Board meeting will be in Weyauwega at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday January 27th. Nancy will try to reserve the Coffee Klatsch for the meeting.

Respectfully submitted, Peggy Kramer

FEBRUARY and beyond EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

Garden Inspiration will be held by the Portage County Master Gardener's on February 7th. The cost is \$30.00.

Gardening Northwoods Style will be held at the Woodruff Community Building on March 28, 2009. Registration deadline is March 1, 2009. Cost \$20.00. Contact Waupaca MGV Kate Saunders for registration form or call Betty Henry in Woodruff @ 715-358-2570 for more information.

Garden Expectations

The Outagamie County Master Gardeners announce their annual Garden Expectations Conference to be held Saturday, March 7, 2009 from

9:00 am – 3:00 pm at Appleton East High School, 2121 Emmers Drive, Appleton. This year's theme is "Where Friends Gather," emphasizing that gardening is not a singular endeavor; it's meant to be shared with family, friends and strangers who pass by.

The featured presenter at this year's event is **Melinda Meyers** – Author, Television & Radio Host, and Contributing Editor and Columnist for *Birds & Blooms* and *Backyard Living* Magazines. Her presentation on "Small Space Gardening" will provide tips and techniques to turn your small space into a delightful place with an emphasis on minimal work and maximum enjoyment.

Three other presenters will be sharing their expertise with our guests as well. Descriptions of their presentations, as well as a registration form can be found on the attached brochure. Lunch is included with the registration fee of \$30, there will be door prizes and a variety of vendors.

We'd like to extend an invitation to all the Waucaupa County Master Gardeners to join us for this day of fun, fellowship, and information.

If you have any questions, please contact Cathy Schwieso at (920) 954-5584.

See the State Website for more opportunities.....

All members are encouraged to submit newsletter information! March articles are due by March 21. Thanks in advance for your timely submissions. Send to Kate Saunders at k Saunders0327@charter.net

This month's Email address changes:

Alice Brown - tajkbrow@wolfnet.net

Suzanne Wozniak - sum02025@gmail.com

Master Gardener Volunteer Training Course

We are in need of volunteers to attend the upcoming Master Gardener Volunteer training sessions. These sessions are a great opportunity for us to introduce ourselves and educate the trainees about our projects and committees. Typically, a volunteer would have the first 10 minutes or so to talk a little about their project and/or committee and answer questions from the group. You are welcome to stay for the entire session, but attendance is not mandatory. All of the training is being held at Weyauwega High School and run from 5:45 – 9:00pm. If you are interested in attending a session, please contact Greg Blonde at greg.blonde@ces.uwex.edu or (715) 258-6230 ext. 12 to make sure someone hasn't already been scheduled for a given date.

<i>Date</i>	<i>Topic</i>	<i>MGV</i>
February 3	Intro to the MGV program & Vegetable Crops	
February 10	Intro to Turf Mgmt.	
February 17	Plant Pathology	Barb Nollenberg
February 24	Backyard Wildlife	
March 3	Weeds/Pest Mgmt.	
March 10	Entomology	
March 17	Fruit Crops	
March 24	Using Native Plants & Invasive Plants	Bill Johnson
March 31	Woody Landscape Plants	Dorothy Shaver/Sue King
April 7	Soils & Fertility	
April 14	Plant Propagation	
April 21	Herbaceous Annuals & Perennials	Connie Jess Zolkoske/Faye Wilson

Listed below are the current projects and committee members. If there are any changes that need to be made to the list, please contact Nancy Johnson (plantsrfun@gmail.com). Many committees are still in need of chairpersons and/or volunteers. Please review the information and consider which opportunity is right for you!

**Spring Plant Sale
Committee**

**Chair: Sally Marchel-
Handrich**

Nanc Weasner
Nancy Johnson
Penny
Dorrie
Hipschman
Agnes Marchel
Jeffrey L
Weasner
Rebecca
Weber Schmoll
Bill Johnson
Lyle Mork
Leigh Braatz
Barb
Nollenberg
Sharon
Lemmers

Fall Plant Sale Committee

Chair: Nancy Weasner

Sue Kig
Rebecca
Weber Schmoll
JeffWeasner
Bill Johnson
Lyle Mork
Sharon
Lemmers
Barb
Nollenberg

**Waupaca Area Garden
Walk & Art Stroll***

Chair: Bill Johnson

Sally Marchel Handrich
Kate Saunders
Barb Lamb
Dorothy Shaver
Joan Schmitt
Pam Nitke
Kay Durant
Sue King
Hope MacIntyre
Suzanne Wozniak

Scholarship Committee

Chair: Ila Sanders

Pat Ritchie
Tom Sanders

By-Laws Committee*

Chair: Pat Ritchie/Colleen

McCoy
Faye Wilson
Bill Johnson

Scandinavia Garden Club*

**Chair: Sally Marchel
Handrich**

Agnes Marchel
Kay Durant

**Waupaca County Fair
Committee**

Chair: Pat Ritchie

Lee Shaw
Connie Zolkoske
Rebecca Weber Schmoll
Bill Johnson
Ila Sanders
Tom Sanders

Christmas Party Committee

Chair: ??

Rebecca Weber Schmoll
Patti Leiskau

**Waupaca Community
Garden**

**Chair: Terry Kramer/Pat
Phair**

Dort DeWild
Nancy Weasner

Nominating Committee*

Chair: ??

Jeffrey L. Weasner

Auditing Committee*

Chair: Terry Kramer

Suzanne Wozniak

Courthouse Planters*

Chair: Deb

Krogwold/Steve Hart

**Library Resource/Book
Reviews**

Chair: ?? Jeffery L.

Weasner, Patti Leiskau
Dorrie Hipschman

Program/Adventure Committee

**Chair: Dorrie Hipschman/Ila
Sanders**

**Farmington Lutheran
Church***

Chair: Agnes Marchel

**Clintonville Public Library
Gardens**
Chair: Carol
Johnson/Kathy
Akey/Chris Dittman

Fairgrounds Gardens Project
Chair: Sally Marchel Handrich
Agnes Marchel
Connie Zoloske
Leigh Braatz
Faye Wilson

Gill's Landing Garden
Chair: Faye Wilson

**Waupaca Children's
Garden**
Chair: Pam Nitke
Joan Schmitt
Diane Fuhrmann
Leigh Braatz
Gloria Gruer
Barb Nillenberg
Nancy Weasner
Hope MacIntyre
Peggy Kramer
Terry Kramer
Kate Saunders
Sharon Lemmers

New London Children's Garden
Chair: Sue King
Carol Spiegelberg
Barb Lamb
Rebecca Weber Schmoll
Julie Bosquez
Susan Young
Pat Ritchie
Connie Zolkoske
Joan Schmitt

Invasive Plants Project
Chair: Bill Johnson
Terry Kramer
Peggy Kramer
Agnes Marchel
Tom Sanders
Hope MacIntyre

**New London Friday
Garden Group**
Chair: Judy Shaw/Lee
Shaw/Sue Finkel
Pat Ritchie

Budwit/Bukarma Garden
Chair: Barb Lamb
Sue King

S.O.P Committee
Chair: Kate Saunders
Bill Johnson
Connie Zolkoske
Pat Ritchie
Colleen McCoy

Tri-Valley Garden Club*
Chair: Agnes Marchel
Kay Durant

Friday Garden Group
Chair: Judy & Lee Shaw
Susan Finkel

**Friends of Mirror/Shadow
Lake***
Chair: Suzanne Wozniak

Membership Committee
Chair: Connie Zolkoske
Bill Johnson
Sally Marchel Handrich
Pat Ritchie

**Mosquito Hill Native Plant
Garden***
Chair: Nancy Johnson

Animal Haven Zoo Garden
Chair: Colleen McCoy

Nominating Committee*
Chair: ??
Jeffrey L. Weasner

Auditing Committee*
Chair: Colleen McCoy

Courthouse Planters*
Chair: Deb
Krogwold/Steve Hart

Publicity Committee
Chair: Kate Saunders

Promotion and Education
Chair: ??
Kate Saunders

Refreshment Committee
Chair: Joan Schmitt
Sue King
Leigh Braatz
Nancy Weasner

Waupaca Food Pantries Project
Chair: Carol Spiegelberg
 Sue King
 Nancy Weasner
 Dorothy Shaver

Hartman Creek State Park Butterfly Garden
Chair: Debbie Krogwold
 Patti Leiskau
 Suzanne Wozniak
 Leigh Braatz
 Hope MacIntyre

Iola Children's Garden
Chair: Dorothy Shaver
 Tom Sanders
 Ila Sanders
 Debbie Krogwold
 Lyle Mork

Holly Center/Hutchinson House/Waupaca Food Pantry/Weyauwega Health Care Center
Chair: Nancy Weasner
 Jeffrey L. Weasner
 Hope MacIntyre
 Rebecc Weber Schmoll
 Alice Brown

*Projects submitted for approval of hours only, not financial support.

The February Garden

February Birthdays

Submitted by Connie Jess Zolkoske

2/10 Nancy Weasner

2/18 Deb Calmes

2/24 Patti Leiskau



For reflection.....

"The old Lakota was wise. He knew that man's heart, away from nature, becomes hard; he knew that lack of respect for growing, living things soon led to lack of respect for humans too."

-Luther Standing Bear

☼ Houseplants can use more light now. Turn them weekly to develop shapely profiles.

☼ Order seeds from mail order catalogues if not available locally.

Look for disease resistant varieties. Consider purchasing varieties that have earned the All-American honors.

Annual flowers can be great "fillers" in the garden or flower pot!

☼ Keep a bag of regular (not clumping) cat litter on hand to sprinkle on icy walks. Unlike salt, it won't harm nearby plants or contaminate your soil.

☼ Inventory your garden tools and give them a good cleaning. If your hoes, shovels, and spades are dull, apply a light coat of oil to protect them and give them back a little spark. You may also want to have them sharpened. Sand handles and apply a little linseed oil. Adding a blotch of paint or your name to personalize them when doing group projects.



HAPPY VALENTINES DAY TO YOU AND ALL THOSE YOU LOVE!!!!

A yummy refreshing salad....makes me think of spring!Kate Saunders

Mandarin Waldorf Salad

3 T frozen Orange Juice	1 can (11) oz Mandarin orange
½ tsp salt	segments, drained
5 cups diced, unpeeled red apples	¾ cup whole pecans
3 stalks celery, sliced thinly	Lettuce
Gingered Mandarin Dressing (below)	

In large bowl, combine all ingredients. Mix lightly. Arrange on lettuce on individual salad plates and top with dressing.

Gingered Mandarin Dressing: In small bowl, combine ½ cup mayonnaise, one carton (6-8 oz) Mandarin orange or Orange Creme yogurt and ¾ teaspoon ground ginger. Blend well. Spoon on top of Mandarin Waldorf Salad.

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